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MRS. THOMPSON GETS JUDGMENT

PLAINTIFF'S DOCUMENTS NOT
GENUINE?

JUDGE'S INSTRUCTION

Sued in the Supreme Court (Summary Jurisdiction) for \$750, Mrs. B. Thompson and the Advertising & Publicity Bureau were given judgment by the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), with costs, this morning.

His Lordship said that he was not satisfied that either of the documents relied on by plaintiff, Mr. Y. S. When, a former employee of defendant, was genuine. He accordingly, directed the Registrar to forward the documents to the Attorney General "to take such action as may be necessary."

Mr. C. J. Church gave evidence for defendant this morning, the case having begun yesterday.

The Judgment

His Lordship in his judgment, said:—"The plaintiff has set up an agreement between him and defendant by which he was engaged nominally at a salary of \$100 a month, of which he was to receive \$50 in cash and the further \$50 was to be credited to an account between the parties to accumulate as a deposit up to \$500.

"He served for three months, according to the writ, and received his \$50 salary for those three months. He now claims partly the remaining \$150 which was held back under the agreement.

"In support of this part of his claim he has handed in a document and that document consists of a typed statement setting out this agreement with the signature of Mrs. Thompson at the foot and the rubber stamp of the defendant firm.

"The first question I have to decide is whether that is a genuine document and whether the claim is a bona fide claim. Mrs. Thompson admits that that is her signature and she states that the piece of paper is a portion of a piece of paper which she wrote on the 4th of December 4. She says that she wrote a form of contract on the bottom half of the sheet of paper and signed at the foot, leaving a space within which she intended that plaintiff should enter the Chinese form of the same contract.

"It is for plaintiff to prove it is a genuine document and I am not satisfied that it is.

An Alleged Loan

"The second portion of the claim is for the return of \$800 which plaintiff states he lent to the firm through Mrs. Thompson in Kwong Chow Wan on December 4. As proof of his claim he produced a further document which also bears the admitted signature of Mrs. Thompson. Plaintiff's story is that Mrs. Thompson was short of money at Kwong Chow Wan and that he happened to have met a school friend who entrusted him with the custody of a large sum and of that amount he made a loan to Mrs. Thompson just before she was leaving.

"Well, the document on which this matter was entered by plaintiff is a portion of a sheet of French official paper. Similar forms have been produced, stamped with the French official stamp, and the plaintiff's story is that he typed this document from a document written by Mrs. Thompson. This document reads:

"Mr. Y. S. When has deposited to me a sum of \$800 (six hundred dollars Hong Kong currency). Payable to the order on the return of this certificate. Not subject to check.

Difficult to Believe

"Mrs. Thompson's story is that this is another of these contracts and that the blank section of the contract form has been used for this purpose. I find it difficult to believe that Mrs. Thompson ever wrote on this piece of paper the statement which appears on this receipt and I am even less inclined to find that that document is a genuine document.

"For these reasons, the plaintiff has not established his claim in my opinion and I propose, therefore, to enter judgment for the defendant with costs. I decline to impose these documents.

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DANGEROUS GOODS DEFINED

PRACTICAL EFFECTS OF AN
EXPLOSION

SHIP'S CAPTAIN FINED

An interesting ruling was made at the Marine Court this morning as to what constituted dangerous goods. Comdr. G. F. Hole, sitting as Stipendiary Magistrate, said that anything which had the practical effects of an explosion should come within the Dangerous Goods Ordinance.

The ruling was made in connection with a test case taken by the Harbour Authorities against Capt. W. Collum, Master of the s.s. Tin Yat, a vessel on the Hong Kong-Canton run. Defendant was charged with having 38 cases of fire-crackers on board his vessel, which was moored alongside the wharf instead of being at the Dangerous Goods Anchorage, and also with failing to fly the "Red" flag as an indication that a dangerous cargo was on board the vessel.

Carriage Admitted

Mr. O. E. G. Marton appeared for the defence. The case was first heard on Saturday morning, when Mr. Marton argued that fire-

crackers did not come under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance.

At this morning's hearing, Comdr. Hole said at the outset that he had looked into the case. Mr. Marton had admitted the carriage of the goods in question but held that they did not come under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance.

Mr. Marton said that that was his contention. In the Ordinance gunpowder was mentioned, but it could not be meant to include fire-crackers. Sulphur was also mentioned as one of the commodities constituting dangerous goods, but he was sure that the Ordinance did not mean to include even a box of matches. It would be absurd to suppose that a steamer would have to go to the Dangerous Goods Anchorage just because there was a box of matches on board.

Magistrate Disagrees
His Worship said that he disagreed. If they went on to define explosives they would find that the Ordinance was mentioned in the Ordinance as an explosive, it would mean that anything which could produce the effect of an explosion was an explosive.

There was a case in which 300 tons of fire-crackers were analysed, and these were found to be made of 150 tons of gunpowder. The percentage was equal, and he thought that the right way of dealing with such cargo on board would be for the master to obtain a permit from the authorities.

Mr. Marton said he agreed with the latter observation and also wished to point out that Capt. Collum had found that out only after the summons was taken. He had now taken out a permit. The Magistrate said that the carriage of fire-crackers on board ships was not considered as a very serious offence by the Government, but in this case he must enter a conviction and impose a nominal fine.

Capt. Collum was fined \$5 on each count.

INSTONE BREWER'S TRIALS

NO FURTHER CRIMINAL
PROCEEDINGS

CROWN'S DECISION

The Crown has decided to stay further proceedings against Noel Instone Brewer, barrister-at-law, who was convicted last week, at the January Criminal Sessions, for making a false statement without oath, contrary to the Perjury Ordinance.

After a trial lasting four days, a common jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty on the count of making a statutory report on August 16, 1927, that the total cash received by the Instone Banking Corporation, of which Brewer was President and a Director, was \$876,750 "in respect of shares issued wholly for cash."

It will be recalled that there were three counts in the indictment and that the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) decided to deal with them separately. On the decision being reached on the first, his Lordship recorded the conviction and postponed sentence until 10.30 a.m. on Monday, February 3.

In the interval, the Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C.) has filed a nolle prosequi in respect of the second and third counts and also of both counts in an additional indictment.

In other words, the Crown is satisfied to rest on having brought one count to conviction by a jury. The other counts have been dropped, but not withdrawn.

Under the Perjury Ordinance, the offence is classed as a misdemeanour, the maximum penalty for which is two years' imprisonment and a fine. This means that both a term and a fine can be imposed, the discretion resting with his Lordship.

In regard to the jurors, it will be recalled that his Lordship announced that if their attendance was needed they would be notified by the Registrar. It is presumed that their services will not be required on February 3, when with the passing of sentence, the Sessions will close.

LOCAL WEDDING

Ceremony in the Rosary
Church

The marriage was solemnised at the Rosary Church, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, of Mr. Lawrence J. F. Griffiths, of the P.W.D., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence James Griffiths, of "Keaton," Ad-discombe, Surrey, England, and Mary Beatrice K. Brown, of 5, Winglok Building, Kowloon, daughter of the late Mr. Edward Young and Mrs. Mary Young of Sydney, Australia.

The bride was given away by Mr. D. Biggar, and the duties of best man were carried out by Mr. S. Fox. After the ceremony a reception was held at 5, Winglok Building, where the usual toasts were honoured by a number of friends of the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths will spend their honeymoon in Tientsin.

LITVINOFF FREED

Case of Alleged
Swindling

Paris, Yesterday.
Saveli Litvinoff, a brother of the Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, and two alleged accomplices, Joffe and Ledorius, who were charged at the Seine Assizes on January 21 with forgery and swindling the Soviet, have been acquitted.—Reuter.

[It was alleged that Litvinoff drew and attempted to negotiate in Paris \$200,000 bills from the account of the Soviet Commercial Mission in Berlin, to which he was attached.

Litvinoff maintained that he was acting under the orders of his superior, Touroff, who was killed in Moscow in 1923, and that the proceeds of the draft were used for Soviet propaganda.]

LONG CRUISE FOR 2.100

Rugby, Yesterday.
The ship R.100 left the mooring tower at Cardington, Bedfordshire, this morning and is flying to Oxford and Plymouth. It is thought possible that the Commander, Major Scott, may decide to make a protracted cruise possibly of 48 hours' duration.—British Wireless Service.

ATTORNEY - GENERAL & HOME PAPER

INDIAN "NEWS AGENCY" WHICH
INVENTED A FORECAST

GOOD FAITH OF PRESS

London, Yesterday.
A plausibly detailed article in the Daily Express on January 26, purporting to be a summarised forecast of the Simon Commission's report, was the subject of a question by Sir John Simon in the House of Commons. The Attorney-General stated that the Chairman of the Daily Express had placed himself unreservedly in his hands and had assisted him to discover that an Indian Journalist, Vishu Karendakar, was carrying on a so-called "Indian News Service" which provided the "facts" on which the article was based. Karendakar signed a confession before Sir John Simon and the Attorney-General that he fabricated the story, "as the result of close study of the situation," in order to get money.

The Attorney-General added that the good faith of the Daily Express was unquestioned. He acknowledged the papers' assistance, without which the information could not have been got.—Reuter.

IMPROVING LATER

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is central over the Lower Yangtze Valley.

The typhoon is situated about 500 miles East of Manila. It is probably filling up or receding to the North East.

Fresh Monsoon will prevail along the South-East Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—N. E. winds; fresh; cloudy, with occasional rain; improving.

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THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MR. PIKE

NO HOPE OF HIS BEING ALIVE;
TOO MUCH DISORDER

A SAD AFFAIR

Although the Rev. D. F. Pike was captured by robbers in the Puanhsien district of Kueiyang Kwei, recently, it is still not absolutely proved that he is dead (for his body has not been recovered), but everything that has been heard goes to show that he was killed by the men the day he was captured; it is not easy to know why he should have been killed, as it is said that the robbers were demanding a ransom for his release. For some reason, the provincial and local authorities have not shown much desire to help in looking for the body, nor has the protection which might have been expected been forthcoming for those who have been trying to find it. It is a sad affair, altogether.

A foreign friend at Tungen in the east of the province tells of a recent battle between men of the 43rd Army Corps (formerly under Li Hsin) and men of the 25th Corps who are under our present Provincial Chairman Mao Kuang-hsiang, and that the latter were defeated; it is not unlikely that it was not an important affair, but it is unfortunate that any of the 43rd should refuse to heed the ruling of the Nanking Government, for it indicates more trouble unless General Mao can devise means of settling things.

There has also been a "scrap" between rival officers of the 25th at Puanhsien (formerly Puan Ting). In west Kueichow, as to which should hold the city, but it is stated that it has been settled.

All this shows that the province is not yet really pacified, and of course, the people suffer.

General Chow's Statue
Great preparations were made for memorial celebrations for the late General Chow Hsi-cheng; the bronze statue is now in place on the site of the former North Gate where a circular square has been walled in with the motor road going round the two sides, and the unveiling was to take place on January 20. The streets were decorated for the few days during which celebrations were held. It is hoped that it will not be permitted to any future provincial authorities who may be anti-Chow in any way to damage or remove the statue. Chow deserves well of Kueichow and should be held in remembrance.

Business people observed the New Year as in the past. For this occasion only, that accounts and debts may be collected, but lunar, and even solar-lunar, calendars cannot be bought in the shops. If the Nanking Government is thorough and preserving in its prohibition of the lunar reckoning, Kueichow will fall in line and keep the solar, in future years.

Prices are soaring and there will be a lot of destitution this winter.

Hingifu in the south-west of the province is said to have been largely burnt out, 100 or more families being homeless; it must be a great hardship in this cold weather.

SIR JAS. JAMESON TO LEAVE CHINA

WELL-KNOWN CONSUL GENERAL
RETIRES AFTER 44 YEARS

FORMER CANTON CONSUL

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Sir James Jamieson, British Consul-General at Tientsin, is sailing for Home on the Pando Mantua to-day on retirement after 44 years' service in China.—Reuter.

[Sir James Jamieson, who is 63 years of age, joined the Consular Service in China in 1886, and served as Chinese Adviser to the Burma-Chinese Frontier Delimitation Commission during the season 1898-99. He was later Commercial Attaché to H.M.'s Legation in China, and Consul in the Consular Service. He was seconded for service under the Colonial Office as Superintendent of Chinese labour in the Transvaal from 1905-8, and received the Coronation Medal in 1911.

Sir James, who is an Hon. LL.D. of Hong Kong University, an honour conferred upon him in 1918, was Consul-General in Canton from 1909-1926, when he was transferred to Tientsin.]

TORTURE OF PIGS

Crushed Together in a
Junk Hold

The squealing of pigs on a junk near the Wing Wo Wharf last night brought Sergeant Weymes, who was on water patrol duty, to the scene, and this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy, before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, the Chinese master of the junk was charged with cruelty.

Sergeant Weymes related that there were 55 pigs in crates in the fore hold of the junk, which was insufficient in size to accommodate so many. The pigs were put in four deep and piled on top of one another. Their legs were protruding into each other's backs, causing abrasions and bleeding.

The defendant said that there were several junks of his type engaged to convey pigs from ship to shore, and it had always been done in that way in the past.

Mr. Whyte-Smith: It has been done in the past but it will not be done in the future—not without paying for it.

A fine of \$25, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour was imposed.

Another Cruelty Charge
At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Whyte-Smith, a summons for cruelty to pigs on his ship was brought against Captain Jose. Antones, master of the Wing Lee.

Police Sergeant Weymes stated that the cruelty lay in that there was insufficient room in the hold, and as usual, the pigs were piled on top of one another.

As there was no Portuguese interpreter in Court, Mr. Whyte-Smith remanded the case until tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

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NAVAL CONFERENCE PROGRESS

ATMOSPHERE CORDIAL, BUT
KEPT SECRET

BRITISH FLEET & LEAGUE

London, Yesterday.
The International Wireless Broadcasting, a feature of the present Naval Conference, will be employed to-night by Mr. Wakatsuki to broadcast from London to America a statement on Japan's case.

The Conference expressed confidence at the happy conclusion.

Cordial Atmosphere

The meeting of the leaders of the delegations adjourned until to-morrow. Discussion centred largely on the French and Italian viewpoints. The French strongly maintained that global and not categories of tonnage should be the starting basis of the conference. This point of view is likely to be acceptable to the Conference.

M. Tardieu said that the atmosphere of the Conference was very cordial but he declined to disclose whether any decision was reached.—Reuter.

Optional Clause

London, Later.
The House of Commons, after rejecting by 278 votes to 193 a Conservative amendment in favour of a reservation that the British Fleet, in the execution of any work for the League of Nations, should be subject only to British Maritime Law, agreed on a Government resolution approving the ratification of the Optional Clause.—Reuter.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Arrangements At Post
Office

On Thursday, the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed; on Friday and Saturday the G.P.O. will be open each day from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and the Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

On Thursday there will be no collection from the pillar boxes and no delivery by postmen, but ordinary correspondence may be obtained at the back counter at the south-west corner of the General Post Office Building, ground floor.

On Friday and Saturday there will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

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Volume of Questions

Rugby, Yesterday.
Following a number of informal conversations during the week-end which, it is believed, helped to facilitate the preparation of the agenda of the Naval Conference, the heads of the delegations this morning continued the discussions which were begun, on Thursday afternoon with a view to the collection, selection and arrangement of questions that, in due course, will be brought before the Conference.

It was stated after Thursday's meeting that there is a large number of such questions and that the work of preparation may be expected to be considerable and to involve several such meetings. It is, however, possible that the conversations which have since taken place have to some extent cleared the ground.

Yesterday, the Prime Minister discussed conference matters with the Dominion delegates who were his guests at luncheon at Chequers, and later he met the head of the United States delegation, Mr. H. L. Simon. Other United States delegates also discussed conference matters privately. Mr. Hugh Gibson meeting M. Massigli of the French delegation, and Mr. Dwight Morrow meeting M. Tardieu. Both Mr. Gibson and Mr. Morrow visited Mr. Simon yesterday. M. Tardieu and M. Briand had a long conversation with Signor Grandi during the week-end.—British Wireless Service.

Tentative Agenda
London, Yesterday.
The leaders of the Naval Delegations met at Downing Street this morning to prepare a tentative agenda for submission at the next Plenary Conference—a most difficult matter since Britain and the United States regard cruisers of first importance, France considers the problem turns on world commitments and responsibilities. Japan puts battleships first and Italy is chiefly occupied with the question of Franco-Italian parity.

Capital Ships
While the Japanese Delegation in London is reported to have requested that capital ships be the first question to be discussed at the Conference, it is understood that the Government considers the order of

SMOKE NUISANCE ORDINANCE

FIRE FLOATS THE WORST
OFFENDERS

FIRST TEST CASE

Another test case brought under the new Smoke Nuisance Ordinance was heard at the Marine Court this morning before Comdr. G. F. Hole, when the engineer of the ferry launch Man Chung was summoned at the instance of Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, for allowing a large volume of smoke to issue from the funnel of the launch, so as to cause a nuisance.

Mr. E. S. C. Brookes appeared for the defendant, and, in answer to the charge, said that he did not know how to plead. The charge read that the nuisance was caused at 7.41 a.m., whilst the ferry was alongside the wharf, but in reality the ferry had left the wharf at 7.40 a.m. and at 7.41 a.m. she would be somewhere in midstream.

On the advice of the Magistrate a plea of "Not Guilty" was entered.

Room Darkened by Smoke

Giving evidence, Mr. Brookes said that at 7.40 a.m. on January 16, he was in his dining room which was on the 6th floor of the Central Fire Station. The room was suddenly darkened by the volumes of black smoke obscuring the daylight. The firelight was open at the time and the smoke rolled through into the room.

Witness then went to the east end of the verandah and noticed that the smoke was coming from the funnel of the Man Chung, which was just leaving the pier.

Crossed-examined by Mr. Brookes, witness said that immediately he had noted the name of the launch, he telephoned to his clerk for the time. He was sure that the smoke came from the funnel of the Man Chung.

Mr. Brookes: Were there any other launches or steamers near the ferry?—No, the closest were the fire floats at the Jubilee Street pier.

Might Have Been Others

Pressed again, witness qualified his previous statement by saying that there might be other steamers in the fairway, but he had not noticed them at the time.

Sitting in his room, witness was not able to see from which vessel the smoke had come, but he rushed out to the verandah almost immediately and he was sure that the smoke had come from the Man Chung.

Witness knew nothing about the construction of the Man Chung's boiler.

Expert Evidence

Capt. D. A. Purves, consultant marine engineer to the Hong Kong and Yumati Ferry Co., was then called by the defence. He said that he was well acquainted with the boilers and construction of the furnaces in all the Yumati ferries. The boiler was the ordinary marine multi-tubular type and the furnaces were fitted with suitable combustion chambers to meet the requirements. The boilers were, in fact, constructed to consume their own smoke as far as practicable.

Witness had never seen such excessive smoke emitting from the funnels of these launches as that complained of by the complainant. During the last few days, witness added, he had kept a special look-out for these launches. He found that within 5 or 6 minutes before the launch came alongside the pier, all smoking had been stopped and remained so until the launch had left the pier again.

Fire Float Nuisance

Questioned by Mr. Brookes, witness said that to his knowledge all steam launches were fitted out with the same type of boilers and furnaces. The only ones that were not so fitted were the fire floats. These fire floats smoked a great deal.

The Magistrate: I have seen many launches in the harbour emitting clouds of smoke. If the smoking is badly performed, will it be possible for these launches to smoke badly?—It is possible.

The Magistrate: I was afraid that was what had happened.

At this stage, Mr. Brookes, for the defence, said that he would like to call evidence to show that since the regulations came into force, the Company had circumscribed all the engineers and stokers in their employ to refrain from allowing smoke to come from the launches whilst they were alongside the pier.

A Nominal Fine
The Magistrate said that he had had ample experience of the scant attention paid to these circulars by the Chinese. He was sure that no notice would be paid until 24 hours after the first summons had been issued.

Continuing, he said that as this was the first case under the new regulations to come before him, he must enter a conviction and impose a nominal fine of \$5.

precedence a matter of comparatively minor importance and therefore, will be unlikely to press this point. On the other hand, there are growing indications that both official and unofficial circles regard eight-inch cruisers as the supreme lance.

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ON RINGING****"WALTER" RECITES POETRY**

"Margery," the world-famous psychical medium who has just arrived in London from the United States, is shy.

There was shyness in her voice and in her habit of fingering her necklace of white beads, as she talked to me to-day, says a writer in the "Evening Standard." London, of December 5, about shopping, the friendliness of London, the weather, and ordinary, pleasant things like that.

Only when she looked across at her husband, broad-shouldered Dr. Le Roy Crandon, who is an eminent surgeon of Boston, U.S.A., did the shyness of "Margery" give place to an expression of implicit, almost child-like trustfulness.

Nothing was said, while I talked to her, of hovering teleplastic limbs, of voices from the other side of the grave, or of the fingerprints of persons long since dead, such as are said to have been obtained as a result of her mediumship.

In at least one respect Mrs. Crandon and Rudl Schneider, the other world-famous medium who is now in London, resemble each other. Both, in manner and appearance, are utterly unlike any conventional idea of the psychical medium.

Rudl's frank features and athletic build suggest a Rugby football forward from one of the universities. "Margery" reminded me of the kind of woman one would expect to meet at a small and enjoyable dinner-party.

"If there is time," she was saying, "I shall probably do some shopping in London. The shops here are so cheerful and attractive.

Of course I have really very little spare time. My work monopolizes most of it."

The Tireless Telephone

"The telephone," supplemented Dr. Crandon, grimly, "did not stop ringing until two o'clock this morning."

She flashed a bright smile at him. There is this to be said for Dr. Le Roy Crandon—he appears to be the ideal husband for a woman who has revealed mediumistic powers. He watches over the comfort of "Margery" with minute care. "I do want you to make it clear, if you will," he said, "that my wife and I are not Spiritualists. Things happen, and we investigate them in what I may call a laboratory manner. That is to say, our minds are perfectly open. We rule out nothing and we accept nothing without question.

"We do not want to be disbelieving. At present we are content to go on slowly with our work. If we ever find that there is certain evidence of a survival after death it will become our duty to make the facts public. But nothing we have seen so far confirms that suggestion to my satisfaction."

"Not even," I asked, "the production of the thumb-prints of

Walter, Mrs. Crandon's dead brother?"

"Not even that. The thumb-prints may have been due to some purely physiological phenomenon. I am not prepared to say that Mrs. Crandon is controlled by the spirit of her brother during seances. All I will say is that a trance-personality—if you care to call it that—appears and purports to be her brother Walter."

A Jolly Fellow

Dr. Crandon told me about "Walter."

Unlike "Olga," Rudl Schneider's trance-personality, "Walter" is a delightfully unconventional person. "Olga" imposes strict conditions on the sitters. "Walter" makes jokes with them.

"He is a wonderfully jolly fellow," said Dr. Crandon. "You should hear him when he begins to abuse me in a humorous way! And there are times when he recites the most wonderful original poetry."

"Does the voice of 'Walter' come from Mrs. Crandon's mouth?"

"No. The voice is heard in spite of the fact that my wife is very efficiently gagged."

Then the sad, gentle voice of Dr. Crandon began to talk about the ignorance which has sometimes been displayed concerning the nature of his and his wife's investigations.

"Challenges are made," he said, "but we ignore them entirely. There is so much to learn. During the first year of our investigations things happened at seances which we couldn't believe ourselves next morning."

"For people to want to judge the validity of psychical manifestations in a mere few sittings would be like walking into Edison's laboratory and expecting to understand everything in a couple of hours."

UNHAPPY GENIUS**Strindberg's Letters to
Siri Von Essen**

The appearance of another autobiographical volume by August Strindberg in the German version of Emil Schering is now due, containing letters exchanged during the year 1876, when he was twenty-seven, with Siri von Essen, who at that time was still the wife of Baron Wrangel. She divorced her husband and became Strindberg's first wife. Strindberg's married life with Siri was unhappy and ended in a divorce.

Ten years after those letters had been exchanged Strindberg wished to publish them. His divorced wife had died in the meantime, but his publisher refused to issue the letters, although in Strindberg's opinion, they contained only two "dangerous ones." He gave the title "He and She," changing his own name into "Johannes" and Siri's into "Maria" for the purposes of publication. The letters were not brought out until long after his death.

The German version contains all the letters. An important gap in Strindberg's autobiographical work is now filled up.

**CANTON'S FOREIGN
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Canton, Jan. 7.

As soon as the painters have freshened up the place a bit, the moving vans will carry the municipal furniture to the Foreign Office Building. That will then become the City Hall. Meanwhile Mr. Liang Chik-wai and his few assistants are occupying the old premises. But since most of the functions of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs' Department have been transferred to other hands, Mr. Liang, who will be actively in charge of the Foreign Affairs Section of the Mayor's office needs but a corner of the building.

Mr. Liang's exact duties have not been very clearly defined thus far, and he is groping along in the dark awaiting the coming of more specific instructions. Nevertheless, Nanking has finally determined how passports are to be issued. Applications had been piling up since, for a week or longer, it was not known whether the passports would be issued at the national capital in Canton, and Chinese going abroad had to postpone the time of their departure.

Evidently little change will be made in the manner of issuing passports, the Foreign Affairs Section chief has been authorized to sign them, the applications to be acted upon directly by him. But a radical departure has been made from the old way of handling requests for permits to travel about within the province. A visitor who wants only to stop off in Canton should present himself at the City Hall, for the Mayor's Office will issue it. Those who want to move about in country districts will make their applications at an office of the Provincial Government.

A Further Confusion

Among the points that remain to be decided is how certificates are to be prepared authenticating copies of governmental documents. Before such papers may be introduced in evidence in a court of a foreign country, the foreign laws as a rule provide that the certificate of the legal custodian of the documents must be attached, and there must also be an accompanying certificate of the foreign consul to the effect that the signature and seal of the custodian are genuine. Up to the end of 1929, it was the practice to secure the certificate of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs guaranteeing the genuineness of the signature and seal of the head of the courts who, in turn provided his certificate testifying as to the genuineness of the paper in question. As a final step in the chain of proof, the foreign consul made a certificate signifying that he knew of his own knowledge that the signature and seal on the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs' certificate were genuine. With the closing of the Commissioner's office, naturally, a change has to be made, but no device has been found for properly authenticating copies of governmental records to be sent abroad. The Foreign Affairs Department Chief, Mr. Liang Chik-wai has already been approached about this question. Since he is now a municipal and not a provincial employee, he feels that he is without authority to give written assurance to a foreign consul that the signature and seal of a provincial official are what they purport to be. A foreign consul can only recognize the handwriting and the seal of office of the highest officials, so it is absolutely necessary that either the Mayor or the Governor perform the function formerly performed by the Foreign Commissioner. So far the modus operandi has not been settled.

LABOUR'S DREAM**Utopia for the
Londoner**

Mr. George Lansbury, First Commissioner of Works, described in an interview his vision of a new Utopia for the faded Londoner. It is the old scheme for a belt of open spaces all round London, but with the difference that Mr. Lansbury sees the possibility of creating model villages, in which, in his own words, "the old traditions of English village life would be revived and class distinction would be abolished."

Mr. Lansbury had just returned from Maplescombe Valley, near near Farnham, Kent, where two landowners—Mr. Ernest Edward Taylor and Mr. William Rogers—had offered him a site for the first of these villages.

"The idea was theirs, not mine," said Mr. Lansbury. "I am wholeheartedly in favour of it, but I cannot do anything in a public capacity."

"These gentlemen offered me one hundred acres of land in a lovely valley which is at present quite un-

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inhabited. I cannot accept it, but I am going to help them as a private individual to develop their scheme for building a model village there.

"The scheme is for the establishment of a national organization to acquire and develop such pieces of land for the benefit of the public. It is desired to make an appeal to landowners to make gifts of land about twenty miles outside London, where a ring of villages could be built.

"At Maplescombe the idea is to build groups of beautiful houses on the hill side and to preserve the lower portions of land for parks, recreation grounds and a village hall.

"Mr. Taylor, Mr. Rogers, and I hope that rich people will put down sums of money for the development of the estate, and that others will invest their money at a low rate of interest. A conference will be called to discuss the scheme.

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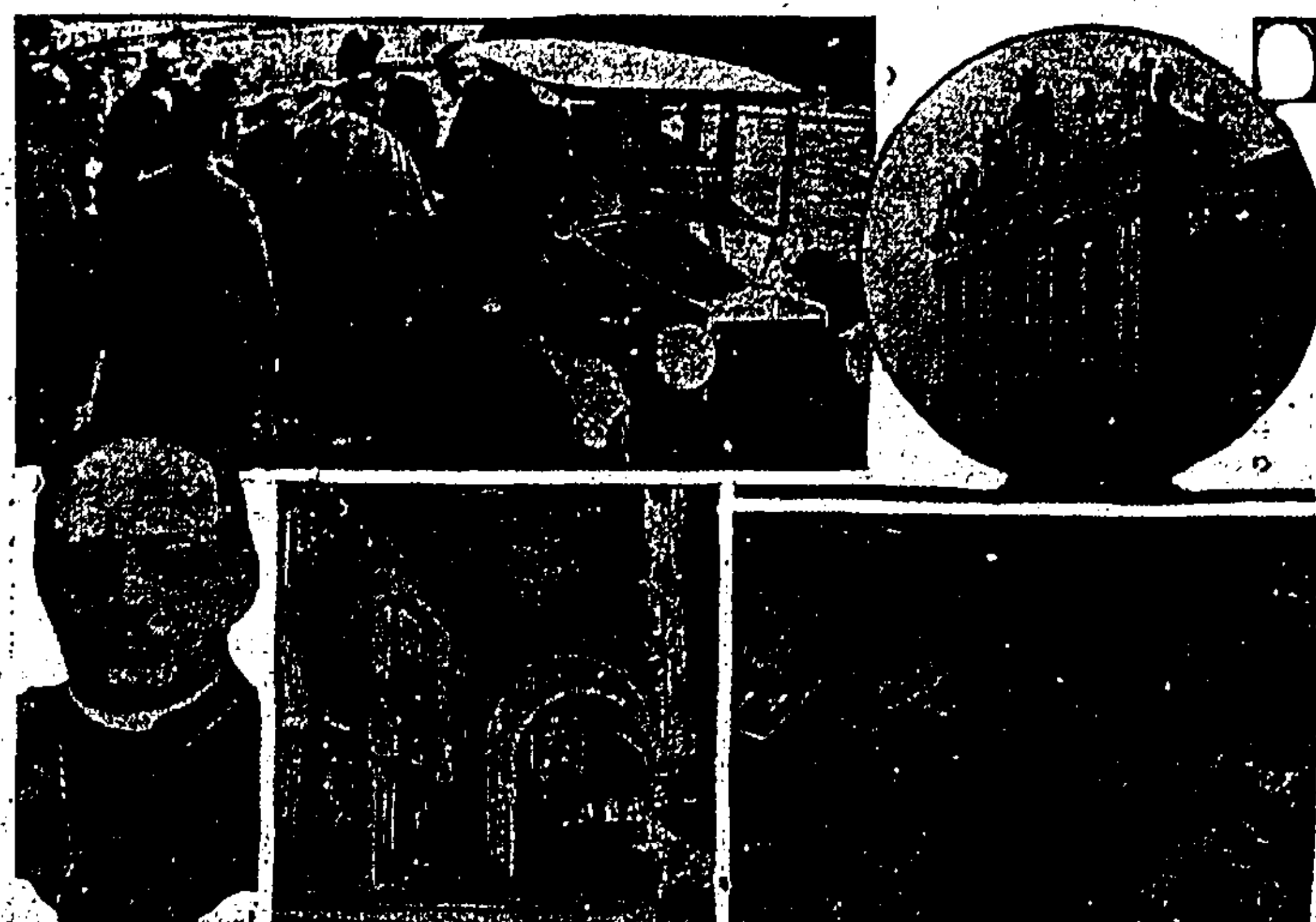
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Pope Visits Church Outside Vatican

For almost sixty years the Sovereign Pontiff of the Catholic Church has been a voluntary prisoner in the Vatican. Recently he received in audience representatives of the House of Savoy, the ruling house of Italy. A few days ago, he wrote another page in the history of the Vatican, when his Holiness left St. Peter's (right) and celebrated mass in the church of St. John Lateran (upper right), where he was ordained a priest on December 2, 1879.

When Achilles Ratti entered the priesthood fifty years ago, he was ordained at the Church of St. John Lateran, with but the thought of consecrating himself to the service of humanity. And so when Achilles Ratti, now Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church, entered from the Vatican for the first time since he was elected Pope, his first visit was to celebrate mass at the church that saw the beginning of his notable career. A fitting celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his priesthood and a fitting act to consummate the complete record affected through the signing and reading of the "Apostolic Blessing" of the Pope.

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WORLD CRUISE

Belgenland Due on
February 18

DETAILS OF TRIP

With 400 globe-girdling Americans on board, the Red Star liner Belgenland, on her sixth consecutive annual cruise around the world, is due at Chinwangtao at 8 a.m. on February 8, for a stay of 12 days in Chinese waters.

Special trains will take her passengers from Chinwangtao to Peking, for a three days' stay. The ship will leave Chinwangtao at 10 p.m. February 12, will arrive at Shanghai February 14; leave Shanghai at 9 p.m. February 15;

deviation from her prearranged schedules by reason of adverse weather conditions. In the 670 days spent on these five circumnavigations, less than twenty dull days were recorded, and in last year's cruise there were but two days out of 134 on which the sun was not seen.

Ship And Staff Cosmopolites.

An interesting feature of the great Westward cruiser is her cosmopolitan character. Although owned and operated by a large American shipping concern—the International Mercantile Marine Company, with headquarters at New York—the ship sails under the British flag, while her home port is Antwerp, in Belgium, the European headquarters of the Red Star Line fleet. In summer the Belgenland is

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:—
In Basin of R.N. Dockyard: "Tamar," "Sterling," "Herald," "Petersfield," "Iroquois," "North Arm," "Kent," "West Wall," "Berwick," "In Dock," "Moorhen," "Seraph," "No. 12 Buoy," "Sirdar," "No. 13 Buoy," "Thracian." Foreign men-of-war in port were:—Portuguese gunboat "Patria," U.S. gunboat "Helen."

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A larceny on the high seas is reported by Mr. C. E. Miner, of the engineering department, s.s. President Jefferson, who states that whilst the vessel was proceeding from Shanghai to Hong Kong, some person stole from his cabin a white gold pocket watch, valued at \$50.

U.S. Submarine Launched



The giant U. S. Navy Submarine, V-5, after being launched at the U. S. Navy Yard at Portsmouth. This is the first ship of its type, and the fifth of a fleet of cruiser type submarines planned by the U. S. Navy. It is possible for this submarine to operate in cruises of 3 months in duration. The V-5, new standard surface displacement of 2,760. (Inset) Commander John H. Brown, of the V-5.

arrive at Hong Kong early February 18, and leave at 3 p.m. February 20 for Manila and ports West.

During the Belgenland's stay in Chinese waters, her passengers will have seven days ashore in which they can do shopping—an important circumstance to local merchants, since the ship's passengers will have come fresh from the United States to the Orient, and therefore will have a stronger impulse to make purchases than travellers who may have been half around the world and through several Eastern countries before reaching China.

The Belgenland not only is the largest steamship thus far to circumnavigate the globe, but she is the only one that makes the world tour in a westerly direction.

Starting from New York December 20, she called at Havana, made the transit of the Panama Canal, touched at Los Angeles Harbour and San Francisco, and left the latter port January 8 for Yokohama and Kobe via Hawaii. She sailed from Kobe February 4, and stopped a day at Miyajima in the Inland Sea. Her arrival at Chinwangtao was the first of the year's world cruise ships in Chinese waters.

Western Route Praised

In praise of the Westbound route around the world, the managers of the Belgenland cruise affirm that it brings the ship to each country visited at a desirable season for tourist travel. They point out that Japan and China are visited in the crisp and healthful weather of mid-winter; Manila, Bangkok and Java in the driest and coolest part of the year, and India and Egypt before the heated term begins. It has been found that arrival in Spring at Mediterranean ports has its advantages also; for a majority of the passengers desire to disembark there for an agreeable tour of Europe before returning home by the North Atlantic route.

The Westward route is also claimed to be the better from the standpoint of following winds and seas, and absence of storms at the time the various seas are traversed.

It is pointed out that in her five previous cruises, all by the Westward route, the Belgenland steamed more than 150,000 miles without

engaged in transporting American tourists to and from Europe, on the New York-Plymouth-Cherbourg-Antwerp route.

The Belgenland's personnel also is cosmopolitan. Her commander, Captain George A. Morehouse, was born in Nova Scotia, and for years commanded American sailing ships in the China trade. Her chief steward, William Heath, and purser, John Lock, are English; her chief engineer, J. Russell Mackay, is Scottish. Her surgeon, Fernand Basecq, is Flemish. The crew of 600 are about evenly divided between British subjects and natives of Continental countries.

The cruise staff of travel experts on board are American citizens, but cosmopolites in travel experience and former residence in other countries.

The cruise is operated this year, as hitherto, by the Red Star Line, in co-operation with the American Express Company, which directs the passenger's shore trips and optional excursions.

On board as special representatives of the Red Star Line in charge of cruise matters is Mr. Arthur J. Rodd, from the line's New York office, who has with him three assistants, from the company offices at Chicago, Toronto and Los Angeles respectively. In charge of an information service on board is Mr. Winfield M. Thompson, Field Agent of the International Mercantile Marine Company.

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TILAWA	10,006	8th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*ALIPORE	5,273	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,144	15th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TALAMBA	8,018	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	11th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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SHIPOWNERS' SUGGESTIONS:
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HELPING SMALL HARBOURS

A committee representing the Chamber of Shipping, the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, and the Federation of British Industries has completed a comprehensive report on schemes of port development which might, it is suggested, be undertaken with Government assistance in order to relieve unemployment. The report says that in principle the shipping industry is opposed to State aid to trade and industry, believing that the interests of the country are best served by leaving the development of such undertakings to normal economic and commercial stimulus, but the ports stand on a different footing and the assistance of the State might be given for the purpose of carrying out promptly wise and provident improvements, especially as the Government regard the unemployment problem as creating an exceptional state of affairs.

"There are many schemes which could be undertaken immediately," it is added, "if Government assistance is forthcoming which must otherwise be postponed for many years." The committee recommends an urgently required by commerce economically sound schemes of development at Glasgow, Leith, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Hull and Swansea.

The committee says that up-to-date facilities for the coasting trade is a matter of vital necessity to the overseas trade as well as to the internal transport economy of the country. The committee fully endorses the opinion expressed by the council of the Chamber of Shipping and the shipowners' Parliamentary committee that the coasting trade has been neglected in the past.

Value of Small Ports

There are, in the opinion of the committee, many small ports, some of which are of very ancient origin, which once did a flourishing trade but which are now in danger of becoming obsolete, not because they are no longer required but because the policy of competitive agencies has been to divert their natural traffic to artificial channels and, where such agencies have had control, to allow or even to encourage the decay of the port.

"The value of the small ports to the nation in general, and to the surrounding areas in particular, cannot be over-estimated. One of their most important functions is to provide the means of cheap transport by sea of raw materials and the manufactured articles for those districts which, either by reason of their geographical situation or the small tonnage of their traffic, could not otherwise enjoy this facility. Without such cheap transport many local industries now established would be unable to exist, and if it is withdrawn the possibility of establishing new industries will be restricted."

The committee claims that many of the smaller ports could be put into commission again and could recover much of their traffic with comparatively slight expenditure.

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DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
January	Standard Time	Standard Time
Tues. 28	10 38 6 33 a	4 0 m 3 31 7 51 1 50 a
Wed. 29	11 11 6 41 a	4 11 m 4 3 8 0 1 57 a
Thurs. 30	11 49 6 48 a	4 21 m 4 34 8 35 2 3 a
Fri. 31	12 11 6 51 a	4 31 m 4 4 8 51 2 4 a
Sat. 1	12 38 6 58 a	4 41 m 4 55 9 0 2 5 a
Sun. 2	1 0 7 0 a	4 51 m 5 7 9 15 3 1 a
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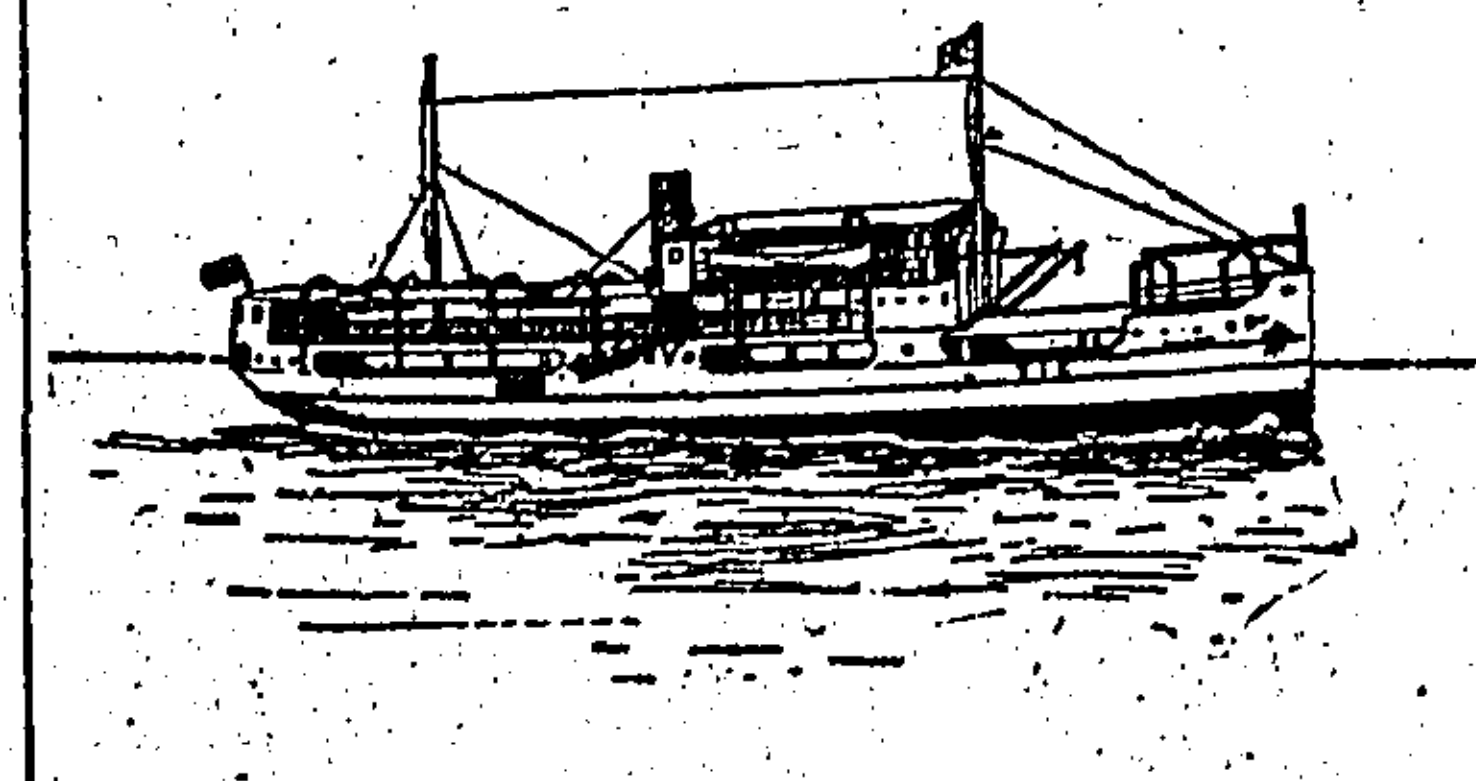
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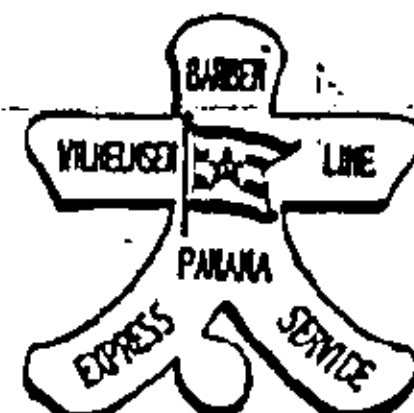
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BRITAIN & EXTRALITY

Conservative members of the House of Commons are up in arms—or profess to be—in regard to the negotiations for the abolition of extraterritoriality in China. They cite two pending "incidents" in support of their case that the time has not yet arrived for the abolition of the British treaty right of extraterritoriality. One of these "incidents" occurred at Wuchow and the other at Hankow. In regard to the former the Foreign Office pleads ignorance of the facts. As regards the other—the arrest of a British naval captain—it is content with promising to make enquiries. That does not take us very far! Details of the Wuchow incident—the detention of two of the crew of a Hong Kong launch—have appeared in the *China Mail* and other local newspapers from a source that is more accessible on the average to Downing Street than to the local Press. The plea of ignorance on the part of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs cannot but be regarded as his laudable effort to avoid a discussion on the issues at stake. It is known here, if not in Downing Street—which we still seriously doubt—that the negotiations have not yet been completed at Wuchow. That being so, it might do more harm than good to discuss the incident here. But why cannot the Foreign Office be open and frank and admit the possession of information through the Admiralty?

The Foreign Secretary is also apparently playing for time when he undertakes to make investi-

gations into the case of Captain McBride in Hankow. That gentleman—a British subject—was arrested by the Chinese authorities for accidentally knocking down a Chinese, but was subsequently released at the instance of the British Consul. It may be, of course, that the Consul has contented himself with formally reporting the matter to the British Legation, where it may have been filed pending the return from Hong Kong of Sir Miles Lampson. Even so, an ugly situation was created. It was termed a test of the extraterritoriality question and as such all the facts ought to have been in the possession of Downing Street by this time. We have not heard of a breakdown in the cable service between Peking and Hong Kong or between Peking and London.

Instead of dealing with the questions raised in the House of Commons in an honest and fearless manner, the Foreign Secretary has sought refuge in evasion, while he has thought fit to talk of negotiations for "the modification and progressive abandonment of British extraterritorial rights in China," coupled with an unctuous reference to the due protection of British interests in China.

Remembering the premature retrocession of the British Concession in Hankow, and remembering other incidents in which the British Foreign Office has cut a rather inglorious figure in the past, Britons in China have little faith in the Foreign Office, whether it be run by the Labourites or the Conservatives. We do not suppose that the queries of Conservative members will impress the Labour Government. When in office the Conservatives themselves blundered inexorably in its China policy, leaving a woeful heritage to their successors in office. The abolition of extraterritoriality in China can only come about by the ability of China to put her own house in order and to demonstrate beyond all possible doubt and suspicion that she is adequate to the task of protecting the lives and property of British subjects. We may and do wish her well in the preparations for that task. Meanwhile we can only view with anxiety any attempt to force the issue through the medium of so-called test cases such as have been reported from Hankow and Wuchow.

News in Brief

The *China Mail* has received from the Asiatic Petroleum Co. an article dated January 27, 1930, advising that oil fuel

The Indian Association will accord a welcome on behalf of the Indian community to H.E. Sir Cecil Clements after his Excellency's arrival at Singapore.

On account of the China New Year holidays, the premises of the Wing On Co., Ltd. will be closed from Thursday to Sunday inclusive and re-opened on Monday for business as usual.

Summoned for dumping rubbish in the Street, a Chinese woman living at 137, Temple Street, on appearing before Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was fined \$3.

A lady while walking along Po Ling Street, near Nathan Road, yesterday about 6.30 p.m. was accosted by a Chinese who snatched her handbag, containing \$12.25 in money. The victim raised an alarm, but the thief succeeded in getting away with his booty.

Obstinate on the part of a Chinese card printer in failing to comply with warnings from the police to remove two tables from the pavement at Shanghai Street at the junction of Kansu Street, led to his being fined \$3 at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Yesterday afternoon a Chinese foreman employed by the Foo Loong firm of contractors, 7, Che Woo Street, was attacked and robbed by three Chinese whilst on his way from Yau-mat to Tai-kok-sui. He was relieved of \$600 with which he was to have paid coolies' wages.

A fine of \$10 with the alternative of two weeks' hard labour in jail, was imposed by Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a Chinese, who pleaded guilty to stealing a basket containing clothing from another Chinese in the same village at Cheung Sha Wan.

Messrs. Komor & Komor notify in the advertising columns of the *China Mail* to-day that a representative of Messrs. Toyo Mura-kami, Shanghai is now at their premises with a full range of samples of silk shirts, which can be made to order at very reasonable prices. Fit, materials and colours are guaranteed.

On the occasion of H. E. the Governor's departure on Saturday, motor cars containing guests invited to attend Queen's Pier will proceed by way of Murray Road and Connaught Road Central to the Hong Kong Club where the occupants will alight and walk to the Pier. Cars will be parked in Connaught Road Central between Jackson Road and Murray Road.

JUVENILE LABOUR

Bombay, Yesterday.
Pleading guilty to allowing boys under legal age to work overtime Mr. G. K. Seers, managing director of General Motors (India), Limited, was fined in the Second Presidency Magistrate's Court fifty rupees for each of thirty cases under the Factories Act. Mr. E. C. Richards, production manager, was similarly fined in ten cases. He undertook henceforth to comply with the act.—Reuter.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

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A Wedding Innovation

MISS Jean Mann-Thompson, who was married at St. Paul's, Knights Bridge, recently, to Mr. George Heneage, introduced an innovation by engaging London's leading dance orchestra from the Embassy Club to play at the reception.

This seemed an admirable step, for these gatherings not infrequently hang fire during the time that mist elapses while the bride is changing into her going-away dress. There is something inspiring about a good band, even at 8.30 in the afternoon, and it seems a natural concomitant to champagne and the other evidences of festivity, which go to make up a wedding party.

Two of the bridesmaids, being respectively the daughters of Colonel and Mrs. W. A. Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rhodes, were quite the smallest ever seen anelating at the church ceremony. Both, however, behaved admirably, although Miss Rhodes gave a vigorous expression during the service to an interest in the then whereabouts of her "Nanny." But when the bride and brides-groom left the church, these two little ladies showed complete self-confidence and led the bridal procession down the aisle in a joyous, quick step.

POLITICAL FORTUNE HUNTERS

SWEETS OF OFFICE

AGAIN an attempt is to be made to reassess the salaries of Ministers of the Crown, on the ground that the present rates of pay are inadequate for the services rendered by those who bear the cares of State.

The present emoluments were fixed when the austere rectitude of public life had succeeded the corruption which reached its culmination in the reign of George III. That was the heyday of the political fortune hunter, when it was more profitable to be a member of the Cabinet than of the Stock Exchange.

The supreme political fortune maker was Henry Fox, who, as Paymaster-General, made over £500,000 by investing public moneys on his own account. Lord Bute and his adherents, by one transaction in Government loans subscribed for by friends at par and thrown on the City at a premium—secured no less than £400,000.

Then there were all the profits of patronage at the disposal of the Minister. The number of sinecures which Sir Robert Walpole annexed to provide for his family was astounding.

Walpole's letter-writing son has left us an account how his eldest

brother was appointed Auditor of the Exchequer (£7,000 a year), and his second brother Clerk of the Tolls (£3,000). Horace himself was made Clerk of the Estreasts (£1,000) while still at Eton, and Usher of the Exchequer (£4,000) before he had left Cambridge. Horace and his second brother divided the profits of their father's Collectorship of the Customs, worth £2,000 a year. Pluralists in the Church were outpurled in politics. Thus George Selwyn, as a consequence of his electioneering influence, was at the same time Surveyor-General of Crown Lands, which he never surveyed; Registrar in Chancery of Barbadoes, which he never visited; and Surveyor of the Mints and Clerk of the Irons in the Mint, where he showed himself once a week in order to eat a dinner which he ordered, but for which the nation paid.

With the Younger Pitt, who scrupulously refused to take advantage of his long Premiership either in financial profits or sinecures, a new era began. Since his day men have been proud to serve the State for sums which would scarcely have paid the wine bills of their predecessors of the palmy days of George III. Many a statesman now makes a considerable financial sacrifice when he accepts office.

Loss by Serving State.
The Earl of Oxford and Asquith once complained that he would have been a much richer man had he never taken part in politics. When he first entered the Cabinet as Home Secretary in Gladstone's last Ministry, Mr. Asquith had been making at least £15,000 a year at the Bar. Up to the time he severed his connection with the House of Commons he had received about £50,000 from the State, which, averaged over his thirty years of political life, gave him £2,000 per annum. The loss of about £400,000 was the price he had to pay for leaving the Bar for the Senate.

Such instances might be multiplied indefinitely. Mr. Lloyd George has received from the State about £80,000, which gives him a pittance of £2,000 for each of his forty years in public life. For each of his twenty-two years Mr. Bonar Law received about £1,600.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail,"
January 28, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 3/4d.

At a recent joint meeting of the General and Boxing Committees of the Boxing Association, Sir Wm. Rees-Davies in the chair, it was agreed to accept Championship Belts from willing donors for each of the eight British Championship standard weights. It was further agreed that the following should be the minimum stakes per side, irrespective of any purse provided by the Association: Heavyweight £25; Flyweight \$10; other weights \$15.

Charles Hawtrey's Farce

THE revival of "The Private Secretary" at the Criterion brings back memories of that delightful person, Charles Hawtrey, who adapted the famous farce from the German, and made upwards of £200,000 out of it.

The writer was talking over the revival with Lady Hawtrey, just before her annual departure for Monte Carlo. "I'm afraid my late husband disposed of the dramatic rights many years ago," she said, "though I am more than glad to think the old piece is to be seen again and hope it will be a success. I should, however, be interested in its career as a film."

It was not Penley, by the way, who was first associated in London with the curate who took "an ascended drop," but Beerbohm Tree, who was specially chosen for the part by Hawtrey.

The Italian Masterpieces

THERE is a possibility that the Crown Prince of Italy will visit the collection of Italian masterpieces which, none the worse for their adventurous voyages, are on view in London. The Prince's visit would be private, but if he did go he would stay three or four days. This would be a longer visit than that paid by the Queen-Mother of Holland, who, in 1911, was remembered, sent over to see the Dutch pictures when they were at Burlington House last winter. Her Majesty, although advanced in age, was in England for a few hours only, which necessitated a long and arduous journey on board a cross-Channel steam-er.

A New High Commissioner

NEW Zealand's new High Commissioner, Mr. Thomas M. Wilford, who arrived in London on January 9, has had a long and distinguished career, though he is still a comparatively young man.

He is a barrister, and for many years has been one of the Dominion's leading counsel: A Liberal, his long record in the House of Representatives has earned for him the title of Father of the House.

In New Zealand some apprehension is felt, lest the resignation of his seat in Parliament, which has now become necessary by reason of his new appointment, may result in the return of a Labour candidate, and so further reduce Sir Joseph Ward's slender majority.

Mr. Wilford is a keen sportsman, fond of hunting, shooting, and trout fishing; he has owned racehorses, and was a first-class Rugby footballer.

THE PEKING MAN

Fossils of Our Early Ancestors

"EPOCH-MAKING"

Did Man Originate From the Orient?

ANOTHER VIEW

In this article from the London Daily Telegraph, Dr. Elliot Smith, F.R.S., one of the leading British anthropologists, discusses the bearings upon the history of a remote ancestor of Man. Remains of no fewer than ten skeletons lay huddled together in a small limestone cave near Peking, among them being the complete skull of a primitive human being who walked erect.

Dr. Elliot Smith disputes the theory that the fact of primitive remains having been found in the Far East presupposes that Man was evolved in Asia. The existence of Pithecanthropus in the Far West and the Taungs "man" in Bechuanaland, leaves open the issue whether man's ancestors sprang from China or the South of England.

A UNIQUE EVENT

The discovery of the fossilised remains of ten representatives of "The Peking Man" (*Sinanthropus pekinesis*) was described as a most remarkable and important contribution to the history of human development. The event is unique. For once the much-abused term epoch-making is the just and appropriate description. In this article I shall attempt to explain my reasons for using the terms unique and epoch-making in reference to a discovery which I regard as the most momentous in the whole history of the study of fossil man.

When in 1891 Dr. Eugene Dubois found part of the fossilised brain case of Pithecanthropus on the bank of the Solo River in Java, controversies arose as to whether this Early Pleistocene fossil—Professor Dubois believed it to belong to the still earlier Pliocene period—was part of a primitive man or of a gigantic ape, and whether the thigh bone found in the gravel a short distance from the skull-fragment was a part of the same individual. These questions are still being discussed to-day, although thirty-eight years have elapsed since the discovery.

New Genus of Mankind

When in 1912 the Pithecanthropus skull and jaw were discovered in Sussex by the late Mr. Charles Dawson and Sir Arthur Smith-Woodward, several anthropologists refused to admit that a specimen so closely resembling a chimpanzee's jaw could possibly have formed part of the same individual as the obviously human skull. Leading palaeontologists in Germany, France, and America still harbour such doubts.

The discovery in China of a primitive member of the human family roughly contemporaneous with the Ape Man of Java (Pithecanthropus) and the Dawn Man of Pithecanthropus, but different in type from both of them, is an event of special significance, not merely by reason of the intrinsic interest of enabling us to make the acquaintance of a hitherto unknown and unsuspected relative, but also because the new evidence helps to resolve the doubts concerning the other two Early Pleistocene men, and most primitive phase of the history of the human family.

When two years ago Dr. Davidson Black proposed the creation of a new genus of mankind, on the basis of a fossilised tooth found in a fissure of the rocky floor of the Chou Kou Tien cave, most anthropologists were doubtful of the validity of the genus he called *Sinanthropus* upon such slender evidence.

Jaw Like Chimpanzee

A year ago Dr. Birger Bohlin, continuing the excavation in the fissure with the help of the Chinese geologists, Dr. C. C. Yang and Mr. W. C. Pei, provided evidence completely to justify Dr. Davidson Black's bold adventure. For they found the remains of two skulls, a child's and an adult's, embedded in a matrix of stone. Along with the crushed skull of the child, was found part of a jaw of corresponding age, and with the adult brain-case was found part of a jaw of appropriate age. No one doubts that the jaws belonged to the skulls with which they were associated.

As both jaws present curiously ape-like features, such as a rounded jaw, the evidence, provided by the Peking fossils, becomes doubly valuable. It establishes the fact that primitive man did, in fact, have a jaw shaped like that of a chimpanzee.

The likeness of these jaws to the Pithecanthropus jaw corroborates the verdict suggested by the crushed skulls, that the Peking Man is more nearly akin to Pithecanthropus than to his nearer Japanese relative Pithecanthropus.

Ten Human Skeletons

The thinness of the crania of *Sinanthropus* and the less obtrusively simian features of the jaw justify the inferences made by Professor Davidson Black that the Pekinese belong to a genus different from their contemporaries in Java and Britain—one, moreover, more nearly akin to modern man. But as yet it is premature to claim "The Man of Sin" as our remote ancestor.

The recovery of parts of ten skeletons gives Dr. Black the opportunity to study the structure and variations of these early fore-runners, and to obtain a much fuller and surer knowledge of their distinctive features than is possible in the case of either Pithecanthropus or Eoanthropus.

The Chinese discovery differs profoundly from those made in Java and in Sussex. The remains of the Ape Man of Java and of Pithecanthropus were found in gravel, and had been naturally deposited in the beds of streams by running water. The ancient Pekinese left their remains in a limestone cave, and they were swept into a fissure in the floor. Hence the remains were not scattered, but were preserved under conditions which enable us to be certain of the association of the different fragments as parts of definite individuals.

Relation to the Apes

The chief significance of the new discoveries depends upon the consideration that they provide Dr. Davidson Black with enough material to determine, once for all, the characters of one of the Early Pleistocene general of the human family, and by comparison with the less complete remains of Pithecanthropus and Eoanthropus to give greater confidence in the interpretation of their meaning. Thus they promise to establish, once for all, the nature and mutual relationship of these divergent human types which are vastly more ancient than any other known members of the human family.

In addition to restoring confidence in the teaching of human palaeontology, the work of the Chinese Geological Survey promises to shed welcome light upon many other doubtful issues. For example, by settling definitely the contention that primitive man had jaws so closely resembling the chimpanzee's as to deceive many of the leading palaeontologists into believing them to be simian, the Chinese researches add important corroboration to the view that man is very intimately related to the apes.

First Home of Man

The fact that two of these primitive genera have been found in the Far East has been claimed as supporting the view that man was evolved in Asia. But the existence of Pithecanthropus in the Far West and of the ape-man most nearly akin to man in Africa (as well as the extinct manlike Taungs ape, discovered in Bechuanaland by Professor Raymond Dart, and the ape called *Dryopithecus* in the Miocene and Pliocene of Europe), restores the balance, and leaves open the issue whether man's immediate simian ancestor in his wanderings from the cradle of the great apes in the Siwalik Hills of India wandered east towards Java and China or west towards Britain and Africa.

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and I shall direct the Registrar to send them to the Attorney General for him to take such action as may be necessary."

Plaintiff's Case

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the plaintiff and the defendant's case was conducted by Mr. H. J. Armstrong.

According to the plaintiff in evidence yesterday he got in touch with the defendant through an advertisement which he had inserted for employment. He was placed on a month's trial as a clerk at \$30 a month. Mrs. Thompson was satisfied with him and took him on at \$100 a month. A contract for two years' service was then entered upon. Plaintiff was required to put up a deposit of \$500, but as he did not have the money to do so, it was agreed that \$50 a month was to be deducted from his monthly salary until the required amount was reached.

On December 3, 1929, plaintiff went with the defendant to Kwong Chow Wan. She subsequently left plaintiff there, giving him \$105 for the purpose of getting advertising sites and also for his expenses. She was alleged to have said to the plaintiff that she did not have enough money with her and asked plaintiff if he could get any. It so happened that plaintiff met a friend there who entrusted \$700 to him and out of this, plaintiff alleged, he had lent \$600 to the defendant. Defendant gave a receipt for the money which bore an Indo-China stamp. On their return to Hong Kong, defendant gave another receipt for the \$600 and requested the return of the original receipt.

Alleged Warning

Cross-examined by Mr. Armstrong, plaintiff said that he was at one time employed at the Repulse Bay Hotel. He left because he did not like the job. He was not dismissed. He was also in business for himself with an ice cream shop in Wanchai. He had to close up because business was bad. At the time he joined the defendant, he had about \$600 with him, but he did not put up the security asked because he had been warned against Mrs. Thompson.

Defendant's Version

The defendant's case was that the plaintiff was unsatisfactory as a clerk. Defendant was never offered a contract of service. She had never borrowed the \$600 from plaintiff and she had never been short of money. She alleged that the purported receipt was made out by the plaintiff over a signature which she had put on contract form. She remembered plaintiff asking her to sign four forms. In lieu of the official contract form as supplied by the Post Office at Kwong Chow Wan. In her opinion plaintiff must have made use of one of those to fill in the wording of the alleged receipt. The contract of service must have been written on a signed advertising form.

Experiments in Chambers

His Lordship was not clear whether the signature was written over the stamp or whether the stamp was over the signature. The case was therefore adjourned until this morning to enable his Lordship and the solicitors interested to conduct an experiment in chambers.

NAVAL CONFERENCE

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The Naval circles in particular hint very broadly that they consider Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in his ardent desire to prevent futile armament competition between Britain and America, acted too hastily in tentatively agreeing to fewer eight-inch cruisers than America, and overlooked what effect it would have on Japan.

Genuine Fear

There appears to be genuine fear that this will lead to British-Japanese friction as Japan considers 70 per cent of America's eight-inch cruiser quota is essential for her defensive requirements; but this means eighty-six per cent of England's quota. If America has eighteen 10,000 tonners, and one hundred per cent. If America has twenty-one; therefore Britain is bound to oppose the Japanese claim. This is bound to cause intense aggravation.

Cruisers' Order Cancelled

The Admiralty announces that it has been decided definitely to cancel the order for the two 10,000 tonners, Surrey and Northumberland, whose construction was temporarily suspended last July.

[These cruisers were provided for in the 1929 estimates, one to be built at Plymouth and the other at Portsmouth. It will be remembered that the ships were cancelled by the present Government shortly after the general election as a gesture of friendship to the world at large and America in particular.]

They were to have been powerful ships, similar in the main to the county-class cruisers now on this station, their tonnage being 10,000, length 320 feet, beam 50 feet, draught 17 feet, and horse power 80,000, giving a speed of 33 knots. Their armament was to have been eight 6-inch guns, four 4-inch, with a number of

THE PRESS AS BASIS OF FILM DRAMA

"THE LAST EDITION" AT THE MAJESTIC THEATRE

A FOREMAN'S TRAGEDY

A vivid melodrama, enacted in the atmosphere of the newspaper game, and showing the most intimate details of newspaperdom with all their glamour, romance and tragedy, "The Last Edition," Emory Johnson's latest production, will be shown to-day at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon. Ralph Lewis, who made his roles in "The Shield of Honour," "The Sunset Derby," and "In the Name of the Law," historic pieces of dramatic acting, is starred by the producer-director in what is confidently predicted will be the most popular part he has ever played.

Mrs. Emille Johnson, mother of the brilliant young director, wrote the story, and the Johnsons in conjunction with their former star have returned to the old combination which provided the public with all of the thrilling success mentioned above, as well as several others.

One of the Cogs

As Tom Macdonald, the humble assistant foreman in the press room of a great daily metropolitan paper, he is one of the cogs in the gigantic machine which straws the streets with live-wire news in flaring extras.

How his beloved presses play him false, and how he wrecks the huge machine as it is churning out the story of his son's arrest, makes one of the most powerful situations ever registered on the screen.

Frances Teague plays the part of the daughter, and with Rex Lease carries the romance of the story splendidly. Lila Leslie, Ray Hallor, David Kirby, Russell Simpson, Wade Botheler, compose the remainder of the cast.

"HIGH STEPPERS"

Farewell Performance at Majestic

"The High Steppers," the bright party of vaudeville artists, gave their last performance, in the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, last night. There was a good crowd and the show was thoroughly appreciated. Unfortunately, the eccentric comedian and sketch artist, Bert Beal, did not appear but, nevertheless, Speedy Pete covered all the laughing ground very well.

Jazz and classical dancing was ably executed by the Misses Webber and Dawn, while Pete pleased all with his comical demonstrations.

Sid Clarke, the fiddling funster, ably rendered, on his violin, "The Pagan's Love Song" and two other airs.

Some snappy songs were given by Miss Alice Bennis, who next appeared in a comedy skit with Cass and Pete. The latter pair gave a clever acrobatic exhibition. Mahomet Cassim distinguished himself in his final appearance, and sang "Your Mother and Mine," "Someone," and "The Vagabond Lover," all three being well received.

The outstanding hit of the show was a comedy skit in which Alice Bennis, Sid Clarke and Pete took part.

A grand finale, in which all the artists appeared, brought their last entertainment to a close amid prolonged applause.

EXTRALITY TEST?

Detention of a Hong Kong Launch

Wuchow, Yesterday. No agreement has yet been reached in regard to the British steam launch Tung On, which has been detained by the Cantonese military at Wuchow for some time, following a collision and the sinking at Shihching of the Chinese launch, Tien-Hoi, which was being used then as a military transport.

It is reported that the owners of the Tung On offered \$3,000 in settlement or alternatively to pay for the salvage of the Tien-Hoi. This was refused and \$7,500 compensation demanded.

[This matter formed the subject of inquiry in the House of Commons reported elsewhere in to-day's issue of the China Mail.]

A BOTANICAL OFFENCE

Mr. J. J. Hirst, Assistant Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, appeared at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, as the complainant in a case in which Luk Sheung, a vegetable gardener, was charged with the unlawful possession of 117 seedlings of wild trees at Tan Wong Temple Village, Kowloon City.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25, or three weeks' hard labour, lighter weapons and a torpedo tube.

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H.E. THE GOVERNORS' DEPARTURE.

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MOTOR CARS containing guests invited to attend, Queen's Pier will proceed by way of Murray Road and Connaught Road Central to the Hong Kong Club where the occupants will alight and walk to the Pier. Cars will be parked in Connaught Road Central between Jackson Road and Murray Road.

E. D. C. WOLFE, Inspector General of Police. Hong Kong, January 27, 1930.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions To-day—Tea, Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Chinese New Year's Eve, Carnivals at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

Entertainments To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Hollywood Revue."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Romance of the Underworld."

To-day—World Theatre, "The Flaming Forest."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "The Last Edition."

Sports To-morrow—Fanning Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet, Fanning Station, 3.30 p.m.

January 30—Fanning Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet, Fanning Station, 3 p.m.

February 1—Fanning Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet, Hung Ling, 4 p.m.

Meeting February 11—Forty-second General meeting of Shareholders of Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd. at Messrs. Jardine's, 12.30 p.m.

HOLLYWOOD REVUE

All Stardom Seen and Heard in Big Show

John Gilbert, Marion Davies and Norma Shearer are included in the pageant of stars and near-stars who appear in "The Hollywood Revue," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's huge singing and dancing motion picture spectacle which is now playing at the Queen's Theatre.

Almost everybody at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio, except possibly the gatekeeper, seems to be part of the personnel of this musical extravaganza, which is said to be patterned after the more ambitious of the New York revues.

Among the stage and screen celebrities who are seen in the picture are Buster Keaton, Beanie Love, Charles King, Anita Page, Joan Crawford, William Haines, Marie Dressler, Polly Moran, the Brax Sisters, Cliff Edwards (Ukulele "Bo"), the Albertina Rasche Ballet, the Rounders, Natasha, Natoma, Gwen Lee, Lionel Barrymore, Karl Dane, George K. Arthur, Stan Laurel, Conrad Nagel, and Jack Benny.

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AN UNRECORDED WAR INCIDENT

GERMAN GENERAL AND HIS IRON CROSS

"A GOOD FELLOW"

General Sir Ian Hamilton, who opened the British Legion Club at Solihull, Birmingham, referred to war hate, and asked how long it was to last.

"Inability to hate," he said, "has always been Britain's strong suit in the game of life. Let her play the ace of hearts now and win the trick. The thing can be done right now, for the German is a sentimental fellow."

"You have all read of the grand dinner given by the East African Expeditionary Force, at which the German General, von Lettow-Vorbeck, was a guest of honour. But there was another dinner given and that was given by me. So I'm going to reveal to you here for the first time what the German general said after I had proposed and drunk his health, for it was fatherly and very jolly."

"Here is the gist of what the general said:—
"You will perhaps have noticed that I am wearing to-night my two war decorations, the Order pour le Merite and the Iron Cross. I hope you have not thought this was through vanity; on the contrary, it is entirely in your honour and in order to show up gratitude for an act of courtesy which I have just received at the hands of your Government. So now I will tell you exactly how it comes—first, that I lost it; thirdly, how I came to be able to wear it to-night."

After some engagements, in which my troops had made the best fight they could, the Kaiser had the idea to send me the Iron Cross. This pleased me very much. My father had won an Iron Cross in the war of 1870, and my grandfather also had been decorated. By ill luck the Iron Cross fell into the hands of General Smuts. Naturally, I thought it was good-bye to that Cross. But no; in the most chivalrous manner the General sent it to me across No Man's Land. So far so good.

"But the time came when one day General Smuts had pressed his attentions upon me in too forward a manner. So, very secretly, several chosen officers and myself buried two chests, one containing the head of a record buffalo which we had shot, the other containing my war decorations, my diaries, and letters from my wife. How it came about that these secretly hidden chests were found God knows."

"Anyway, General Smuts did find them and sent them to the War Office. To-day, promptly by the most happy thought of generous courtesy the British War Office has returned them."

"That is the real reason I am wearing them to-night—the first night I have had them to wear."
"He was a very good fellow," added Sir Ian Hamilton. How glad I felt I had never shot. Smuts and never even shot at General von Lettow-Vorbeck. So my last word is, all of you, each in your own way, go and do likewise and help our country to recover quickly and completely its good humour."

GREAT SCANDALS IN JAPAN

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO BE TRIED

ALLEGED BRIBERY

The investigation of the financial and administrative scandals, governmental and municipal, which have arisen in Japan, has been carried a step further.

It was announced that the Emperor had sanctioned the indictment of General Hanzo Yamanaishi, Governor-General of Korea, on a charge of accepting a bribe in connection with his office.

This distinguished officer was formerly a Minister in the Cabinet of the late General Baron Tanaka. Another member of the same Ministry was Mr. Heikichi Ogawa, who is at present in prison awaiting trial on charges of corruption arising out of the allotment of railway contracts.

The prosecution, says the Central News Tokyo correspondent, relates to the issue of a licence to the Rice Exchange at Fusan, and when the matter was first raised General Yamanaishi was advised by the military authorities to resign his governorship and army rank in order to escape prosecution. As a confession of guilt is implicit in such resignation the general rejected this advice and elected to face his accusers.

General Yamanaishi entered the army as a sub-lieutenant in 1886, and rose until, during the Great War, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Japanese forces which, combined with the British

MORE DISASTERS ON THE HAN

PRIESTS AND TAOISTS CHANTING MASSES

PLACATING THE ICE SPIRIT

Though the temperature in Hankow has risen to a degree or two above freezing point in the daytime, the cold is intense at night. Large blocks of ice are still sweeping down the Han, sometimes entirely submerged and sometimes visible. Native boats are constantly being crushed and sunk. For instance, a boat manned by a man and his wife, whose three children were on board, was struck by an ice floe and sunk. Men in another boat dragged two of the children out of the water, but the parents and the baby were drowned. Another boat with seven adults on board was suddenly stove in by ice and all the persons drowned. At one point where the river bends as many as four wrecked boats can be seen piled one on top of the other. To appease the wrath of the ice-spirit priests and Taoists are chanting masses at many points and the boatmen are offering presents to the idols.

Ferocity of Communists
News received from different parts of the province indicates that the Communists are making much headway. The district around Yangiowtung, which was recently looted, is now under the sway of the "Save the country army" and the people are suffering. The village militia have been robbed of their arms and ammunition in most places near this centre of the trade. The retribution which overtakes those who withstand this communist movement has just been demonstrated in Hankow.

During the red regime in and around Hanchuan city a well-to-do scholar named Liu offered some opposition to the leaders with the result that his house was burnt over his head and his lands were occupied by members of the band. He managed to escape to Hankow with his wife and little boy, and found a home in a quiet spot not far from Hanchiateng above Hankow. Father and son worked as market gardeners on a small piece of land they had rented. One dark night there was a knock at the door and a man craved admittance in order to escape being taken as a carrying coolie by soldiers. Anxious to do a good deed the door was opened to the man. Three men rushed in and putting their weapons to the heads of the man and his son shot them both dead. The poor widow declares that she recognized the men as some of those with whom her husband had trouble in Hanchuan.

Leaderless Soldiers a Terror
With the defeat of Tang Seng-chi's army the number of leaderless soldiers wandering about the outskirts of Hankow and Wuchang is rapidly increasing and it is distressing to know that many of these men still have weapons. The laodah of a small boat was going to his home outside Hanchuan, when he was stopped by four of these men who threatened to kill him. He begged for mercy, which was granted when he had parted with his day's earnings amounting to \$2.25, and his wadded outer garments.

There has been another fracas at the New World. Ten slightly wounded soldiers attempted to enter the theatre without paying. The soldiers on duty held them up, and in the scuffle one was knocked down. His comrades carried him into the street and yelled that "healthy soldiers were killing wounded ones." About a hundred wounded men rallied to this cry and created serious trouble which was only quelled when a posse of soldiers arrived and fired blank cartridges. Twenty of the men were arrested and taken to the barracks for trial.

troops, captured the German fortress at Tientsin in 1921. He succeeded Baron Tanaka as Minister of War.
Mr. Ichida Kobashi, former Minister for Education, has been lodged in prison in connection with his recent alleged associations with the railway scandals. Towards the end of 1928 many members of the Municipal Council of Tokyo, including several members of the Japanese Parliament, were arrested on grave charges arising out of electric, fish-market, and other contracts.
It was then announced that the proceedings against them would be deferred until after the close of the Emperor's enthronement festivities. These concluded early in 1929, but so far the accused men have not been brought up in open Court.

Commercial diplomatic posts which were terminated on the suspension of diplomatic relations with the Soviet in 1927 are to be re-established.

P'RAPS — P'RAPS NOT!

Two neighbours were chatting over the dividing fence.
"What on earth made you get such an enormous kennel for that tiny dog of yours?"
"Well, between you and me," he explained, "it's because I sometimes come home late and my wife locks the door."

They were discussing insomnia. It was suggested that a glass of whisky every half-hour was an excellent remedy.
"Will that cure it?" asked the victim.
"No," replied the other, "but it makes it a pleasure to stay awake."

Teacher: "Tommy, why don't you comb your hair before coming to school?"
Tommy: "I ain't got no comb."
Teacher: "Borrow your father's."
Tommy: "He ain't got no comb."
Teacher: "How does he comb his hair?"
Tommy: "He ain't got no hair."

"Hello, Bill; I have not seen you since you were married a month ago. How do you like married life?"
"Oh, rotten; my wife is always asking for money."
"Money! How much do you give her, then?"
"I haven't given her any yet."

Young Reggie had just been chastised by his father for letting the garden roller run into the greenhouse. He sought consolation from his mother.
"Mamma," he asked, "did grandpa spank daddy when he was little?"
"Yes, dear."
"And did his daddy spank him?"
"Yes."
A pause.
"Well," said the small boy, wearily, "who started this thing anyway?"

Mr. and Mrs. Blinks were returning from a dinner party.
"George, dear," she said, "what ever made you tell the Browns that you married me for my voice when you know I can't sing a note?"
George thought deeply for a moment. The dinner had been good, which perhaps accounted for his reply.
"Well, darling," he said, soothingly, "I had to give some reason, and that was the only one I could think of at the moment."

"You seem strong enough," remarked the housewife, coldly, when the bedraggled specimen of humanity presented itself at the door in quest of a meal. "You should be at work."
"Appearances are deceptive, madam," replied the gentlemanly tramp, bowing gallantly. "Might I add that you seem beautiful and charming enough to be acting for the films, yet evidently you prefer the simple life?"
He dined heartily.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—
Bank, wire 1/6 3/4
Bank, on demand 1/6 11/16
Bank, 30 days' sight
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/6 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/2
Documentary 4 months' sight 1/7 3/4
On Paris—
On demand 962 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 1035 1/2
On Berlin—
On demand
On New York—
On demand 37 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 89 1/2
On Bombay—
Wire 103 1/2
On Calcutta—
Wire 103 1/2
On demand 103 1/2
On Singapore—
On demand 67 1/2
On Manila—
On demand 76
On Shanghai—
On demand 80
30 days' sight (private paper)
On Yokohama—
On demand 76 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 11.88
Silver (per oz.) 20 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong Par.
Copper Cash Nominal
Copper Coins 8 1/2 p.m.
Rate of Native Interest 7 1/2 p.m.
Chinese Sub. Coin 22 1/2 p.m.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin 1/4 p.m.

PAMELA'S SALE.

PAMELA wishes to inform her clientele that after stocktaking a sale will begin on Monday, 20th of January when the stock will be reduced from 15% and above.

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 28th January, 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Norm.	Dividend	When Paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1310				Interim 2 1/2% a/c 1929 ex. 1/11/29	Aug. 6, 29
Chartered Bank			17 1/2		Interim 7 1/2% a/c 1929 ex. 1/11/29	Sept. 12, 29
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.			28 1/2		Interim 10% a/c 1929 ex. 1/11/29	Oct. —, 29
Bank of Asia	96				Interim 8 1/2% a/c 1929 ex. 1/11/29	Feb. 18, 29
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	715				Final 10% for 1929	May 23, 29
Union Ins.	370				Final 10% for 1929	May 24, 29
China Underwriters			2		Interim 5 1/2% a/c 1929	May 24, 29
China Fire Ins.	340				Final 10% for 1929	May 24, 29
H. K. Fire Ins.	826				Final 10% for 1929	May 24, 29
Shipping.						
Douglases			25 1/2		Last dividend for 1929	Feb. 10, 29
H. K. Steamships			27 1/2		Interim 5 1/2% a/c 1929	June 10, 29
Indo-China (Pref.)			43		Last dividend for 1929	Jan. 6, 30
Shell Transport			90 3/4		Interim 5 1/2% a/c 1929	Jan. 31, 29
Union Waterboats			23 1/2		Interim 5 1/2% a/c 1929	Jan. 31, 29
Mining.						
Benguet	5				Interim 20 cents a/c 1929	Dec. —, 29
Kailan Mining Ad.			59 1/8		Final 2 1/2% for 1929	Dec. 17, 29
Langkat (Comb.)			7 1/2		Last div. for year 31-10-27	
S'hai Exploration			15-80		None	
"Leans			5		Last dividend for 1929	
Raub			18 1/2		Interim 10% a/c year 31-3-29	Dec. 12, 29
Trench Mines			21 1/2		4 1/2% last tax Coupon No. 91	Sept. 30, 29
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & S. Wharves	140 1/2	(140/147 1/2)			8% & 10% for 1929	Mar. 7, 29
H. K. & W. Docks	30 1/2	30 1/2			Last dividend for 1929	
China Dock	5-40				Last dividend for 1929	
Hongkew	106				Interim T. 3 a/c 1929	Sept. 12, 29
N. Engineering	7 1/2				T. 0-40 ordinary for 1929	Mar. 15, 29
Shanghai Docks			129 1/2		T. 2-50 for yr. ending 30-6-29	July 27, 29
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	10-10	10-40			Interim T. 0-40 a/c 1929	Aug. 23, 29
S'hai Cotton (old)	35				(T. 2-50 old) for half year	Nov. 25, 29
"(new)			54		(T. 1-50 new) 31-10-29	
Zoong Sings			10		T. 0-40 for year 30-6-29	Oct. 11, 29
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hotels	12-80	12-90			Last dividend for 1929	
M. K. Lands	65	65 1/2	(65 1/2/66)		Interim 2 1/2% a/c 1929	Aug. 2, 29
Shanghai Lands	200				Interim T. 3 a/c 1929	July 31, 29
Humphreys	14-10				(80 cents and bonus 20 cents) making \$1 for 1929	Feb. 8, 29
H. K. Realities			8-55		Interim 30 cents a/c 1929	Aug. 12, 29
Chinese Estates			98		\$1 for year 25-2-29	June 5, 29
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	18-60	19-00			Interim 5 cents a/c 1929	Aug. 27, 29
Star Ferry (old)			11 1/2		(81 on old) for year	June 7, 29
"(new)			6-05		(80 cents on new) 30-6-29	
Star Ferry	78		78 1/2		Interim 5 1/2% a/c 1929	Feb. 10, 29
China Light	23 1/2	(23 1/2/24)			Final etc. 4 1/2% (old) for year	Dec. 23, 29
H. K. Electric	71 1/2	(71 1/2/72)			(cents 10 1/2 (new) 30-6-29)	Mar. 23, 29
Macao	35				(82-50 on old) for 1929	
Sandakan Lights			3 1/2		None	
H. K. Telephones	9-05				Interim 10 cents a/c 1929	Sept. 18, 29
China Buses	10 1/2				Dec. T. 0-60 for 1929	Feb. 21, 29
S'hai Traction (Ord.)	10 1/2				1 1/2% on preference	Feb. 6, 29
"(Pref.)	19 1/2					
Industrials.						
China Sugars			1		In liquidation	
Malayan Sugars			27		P. & S. for 1929	April 11, 29
Cald. Mag. Ord.			11		Incorporated in May 1929	
Canton Ice			9 1/2		None	
Cement (comb.)	15-45	15-60			Last dividend for 1929	
"(old)			11 1/2			
"(new)	8 1/2				Last dividend for 1929	
H. K. Rope	7-80				Last dividend for 1929	
United Asbestos	5					
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	32 1/2				\$1.25 for 1929	Mar. 4, 29
Watsons	11-00				80 cents for year 31-10-29	Mar. 23, 29
Der A. Wigs	80 c.					
Laac Crawford	8-10	(8-50/80)			Last dividend for year 25-2-29	April 11, 29
Mackintosh	18				\$1 for year 25-2-29	
Sincera			12			
Wm. Powells			2 1/2		15 cents for year 25-2-29	June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusement Prof.	38				(82 and bonus etc. on preferred for year 31-10-29)	July 25, 29
"Deferred						
H. K. Construction			1-80		None	
B. Ind. G. Bonds			59 1/2			
H. K. Govt. Loans	5%	Prem.			Interest half yearly	

Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL

Draw for English Cup—Fifth Round

WREXHAM GO UNDER

The draw for the fifth round proper of the Football Association Cup was made in London yesterday. It is to be played on the ground of the Club named first in each tie, on February 15, as follows:—

Newcastle v. Brighton.
Huddersfield v. Wrexham or Bradford City.
Aston Villa v. Blackburn.
West Ham v. Millwall.
Swindon or Manchester City v. Hull.
Sunderland v. Notts Forest.
Middlesbrough or Charlton v. Arsenal or Birmingham.
Sheffield Wednesday v. Derby or Bradford.

Then one of the fourth round matches left undecided on Saturday was played yesterday, adds Reuter.

Bradford City, of Division II, received Wrexham of the Northern section (Division III) and won by the odd goal in three. On Saturday, no goal was scored at Wrexham, where the City earned the right to a second trial on their own ground. In the fifth round, Bradford City visit Huddersfield. Wrexham is the last Northern section club to be knocked out.

A League Match
Flushed with their Cup success on Saturday, Blackburn Rovers played a Division I League match yesterday with Leicester (who are out of the Cup) and won by three goals to one. The table reads:—

	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Wednesday	24 15 5 4 62 29 35
M'chester C.	25 14 6 5 61 43 34
Derby	25 13 4 8 47 45 30
Liverpool	26 12 5 9 44 60 29
Leeds	25 13 2 10 47 37 28
Aston Villa	25 12 4 9 53 48 28
Middlesbrough	27 12 3 11 57 53 27
Blackburn	27 11 5 11 67 64 27
Huddersfield	26 11 5 10 38 44 27
Bolton	26 10 6 10 50 42 26
Leicester	26 11 3 11 53 57 25
Sheffield U.	25 12 3 10 55 54 24
Burnley	26 9 7 10 59 61 23
Birmingham	25 8 7 10 41 38 23
Portsmouth	25 8 7 10 43 41 23
West Ham	26 9 5 12 54 62 23
M'chester U.	26 10 3 13 39 62 23
Arsenal	25 9 4 12 40 38 22
Sunderland	25 7 7 11 39 50 21
Everton	26 6 8 12 46 66 20
Newcastle	25 9 2 14 47 67 20
Grimsby	24 7 4 13 43 49 18

Chinese Inter-Sectional Match

A Chinese inter-sectional football championship between Southern China and Eastern China teams has been arranged under the auspices of the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.

The Southern China team will be selected from the players of the South China Athletic Association and the Chinese Athletic Association, whilst the Eastern China team will be wholly represented by the Loh Hwa Team of Shanghai.

The inter-sectional football match will take place on Thursday at Caroline Hill ground, at 3.30 p.m.

Further matches are:
Friday, at Stadium, 4 p.m.—Eastern China v. Royal Navy.
Saturday, at Stadium, 4 p.m.—Combined Chinese v. The Rest of the Colony.
Monday, at Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.—Eastern China v. The Army.

GOLF

The Players from Manila

The team to represent Manila in the triangular Interport golf contest at Fanling has been selected and is as follows:—

Colonel R. E. Parrott (Captain), W. R. Cothran, W. Douglas, G. W. Mackay, J. R. H. Mason and Capt. R. H. Fielder.

The team is due to arrive on Monday.

MOTORING CYCLING

Entries for Reliability Trial

Fifty-two competitors have entered for the 225-mile Reliability Trial organised by the Motor Cycle Section of the Volunteers on Friday, the first man leaving at 12.1 a.m. on Friday, other competitors following at intervals of one minute.

The following is a list of the competitors published by the Hon. Secretary, showing their machines and their numbers in the trial:

- (1) H. G. Williams (Humber 234).
- (2) D. W. Gregory (Humber 349).
- (3) F. S. W. Smith (Triumph 498).
- (4) J. Barnes (A.J.S. 398).
- (5) J. Purvis (B.S.A. 493).
- (6) C. Bonardi (Ariel 500).
- (7) C. L. Gregory (Monet and Guyon 500).
- (8) W. J. Woolley (A.J.S. 234).
- (9) L. A. Jeeves (Triumph 4 h.p.).
- (10) F. L. Parton (Indian 590).
- (11) C. R. C. Ham (Brough 630).
- (12) W. G. Robinson (A.J.S. 498).
- (13) R. Rathmell (Norton 499).
- (14) O. A. Curwain (Raleigh 260).
- (15) G. Lynn (Norton 49).
- (16) J. Hill (A.J.S. 498).
- (17) R. S. Rogers (A.J.S. 498).
- (18) D. Davies (B.S.A. 349).
- (19) Lau Man-chun (Harley 9 h.p.).
- (20) H. Kew (Rudge-Whitworth 499).

- (21) H. G. Kew (Rudge-Whitworth 499).
- (22) E. Zimmermann (Rudge-Whitworth 499).
- (23) T. S. Chan (B.S.A. 493).
- (24) S. J. Clarke (P. & M. 490).
- (25) A. Gower (Harley 12 h.p.).
- (26) E. Marriott (Harley 34).
- (27) S. G. Poole (Harley 12 h.p.).
- (28) A. Philipps (Harley 5 h.p.).
- (29) E. L. Piquet (Harley 7 h.p.).
- (30) Kwun Wing-hong (B.S.A.).
- (31) H. P. Olsen (Harley 5 h.p.).
- (32) J. E. Wilson (Gillet 34).
- (33) E. J. J. Spradbury (Royal Enfield 7.9).
- (34) L. C. Pennell (Raleigh 4.98).
- (35) J. C. Hughes (Indian 4.95).
- (36) R. C. Simpson (Harley 3.2).
- (37) W. L. E. Miller (Excelsior 2.5).
- (38) Chan Weng-kuan (B.S.A. 4.99).
- (39) C. Gorer (P.N. 600).
- (40) T. S. Whitley (A.J.S. 234).
- (41) J. E. Gert (Norton 490).
- (42) R. C. Wilkes (Norton 4.90).
- (43) R. W. Sower (Raleigh 8 h.p.).
- (44) R. H. Schoter (B.S.A. 3.49).
- (45) L. W. Tape (Sunbeam 4.90).
- (46) H. Dwyer (Indian Scout).
- (47) Chin Ting-sum (B.S.A. 4.97).
- (48) R. R. Winsor (Norton 4.9).
- (49) Foo Eng-heng (A.J.S. 4.99).
- (50) H. S. Cappindale (Zenith 234).
- (51) L. W. Walkinshaw (Triumph 494).
- (52) E. L. Groome (Brough 680).

The Team Entries

The team entries are as follows:—

Witchell Gascon.
Whitley Marriott.
Hirst Poole.
Zimmermann Purvis.
Kew (H.) Smith.
Kew (H. G.) Barnes.
Williams Olsen.
Rogers Groome.
Clarke E. K. Foo.
Braga W. W. Chan.
Tape T. S. Chin.
Schoter.

The machines in the competition are as follows:—

Harley Davidson (8), B.S.A. (7), A.J.S. (7), Norton (5), Triumph (3), Rudge-Whitworth (3), Raleigh (3).

COMPANY REPORT

The Bank of East Asia, Limited

DIVIDEND AND BONUS

The Directors of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., announce that, subject to audit, the profit for the year ended December 31, 1929, after writing off all charges and making provisions for depreciation, bad and doubtful debts, and including the balance of \$401,749.71 brought forward from 1928, amounts to \$1,192,927.92, which the Directors propose to deal with at the forthcoming annual meeting as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of \$6 per share on 50,000 shares	\$ 300,000.00
To pay a bonus of \$2 per share on 50,000 shares	100,000.00
To transfer to Reserve	250,000.00
To pay a bonus to Directors, holders of founder shares and the staff	73,676.73
To write off furniture and fixtures	21,256.54
To carry forward	417,994.65
	\$1,192,927.92

SOVIET WAYS

Hundreds of Peasants Evicted

Riga, Yesterday.

The campaign instituted by the Soviet against the Kulaki (peasant households owning three cows or equivalent other livestock) has begun in earnest. They have been given three days to depart from the various districts where they live, leaving their homes and all belongings behind. Hundreds of families have thus been evicted from one district alone in the course of two days. The Soviet Press says that the Don district is pledged to clear out all the Kulaki in the course of a week.—Reuter.

WARRANT OF ARREST ISSUED

For failing to appear at the Court for the past three weeks on the days specified for him to attend, Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning issued a warrant for the arrest of Wong Chi, residing at 369, Shanghai Street.

The summons against him is that he did unlawfully fail to pay to Lai Yau-kum, a woman, to the amount of \$60.50, for work done in connection with repairs to 26, Cheung Chau Island, in July, 1929.

Indian (3), Humber (2), Brough (2) and Monet and Guyon, F.M. Gillet, P. and M., Ariel, Royal Enfield, Excelsior, Sunbeam, and Zenith one each.

CRICKET

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. v. United Services at Chinese New Year on Club Ground on Thursday and Friday (Play commences at 11 a.m.):—
T. E. Pearce (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. Reid, H. V. Parker, J. E. Richardson, E. R. Duckitt, A. C. Beck, E. J. R. Mitchell, K. H. Batger, G. E. R. Divett, and H. J. Armstrong.

ROBBERS' CAPTIVE

Lived in Caves for Five Months

YOUTH'S PRIVATIONS

On September 3 last year a gang of robbers raided the house of a returned Chinese merchant from Peru, surnamed Tang, living at On Lok Chuen village, near Fanling, and in the course of the raid killed the merchant's elder brother and kidnapped his son. The robbers did not have time to ransack the house because the villagers knew of their coming and raised an alarm by beating drums and firing Verey lights. They left hurriedly, ten minutes after breaking into the house, and drove away in a motor car, taking with them the merchant's son and a cardcase. The gardener was subsequently released because there was no chance of securing any ransom money for him, but he had been so terrified by the robbers that he refused to disclose the place where the youth was held.

Given Up As Dead

Now, after a lapse of five months, during at least three months of which time the youth had been given up as dead, comes an echo of the outrage by the recovery of the youth alive, but very weak because of the privations which he suffered in the hands of the robbers. It transpired that the youth, Tang Fung (16), was taken to Chinese territory, just beyond the border, where he was held prisoner in a house for a few days, after which the robbers, fearing detection, moved to a cave.

His captors never stayed long in one place, being constantly on the move, and during the five months of his captivity the youth had to live with them in five different caves. During the week before his liberation he was taken to a village in the Po-on district, about three hours' walk from the British New Territories border, and there detained in the Cheung Kung Temple, from which he was taken away by the Chinese authorities and handed over to the local Police who returned him to his home.

Relating the story of his experiences in the hands of the robbers, Tang Fung said that he was not ill-treated in any way, but his sufferings were great all the same.

For the first four nights after his capture he and the robbers lived in a house just beyond the British border, and although he had to sleep on the floor, he did not complain because it was then warm weather and he did not experience much discomfort.

Sufferings In A Cave

When he was removed to the cave, however, his sufferings began. He had to sleep on the damp ground, the cave was open to the winds and rains, and he had no sleeping sheet to spread on the ground and no blanket. When the winter set in he suffered terribly from the cold, because he had no clothing other than the summer apparel which he was wearing at the time he was kidnapped.

The robbers never went very far from the British border, moving about in a circle. They always went from one hiding place to another under cover of night. The distance between the various caves was between three and four hours' walk over hills and down dales in rugged country. He suffered from sore feet as the result of these

marches (when kidnapped he was dragged away without shoes).

Manacled All the Time

During the whole of the five months he was in captivity Tang Fung was never free from manacles which were attached to his wrists and ankles. He had to eat and sleep in them, and during the marches the heavy chains on his legs added to the agony he suffered from his lacerated feet. Many times he was in a state of collapse when he reached the next hiding place and was unable to eat.

The food supplied to him was described as very poor and meagre—just sufficient to keep him alive, and it is a surprise that half-starved and suffering from exposure, he did not long ago die.

Eventually the robbers worked their way round to the same village to which the youth was taken immediately after his capture and there they stayed in the temple.

Temple Raid Planned

Then the Chinese authorities got "wind" of their whereabouts and planned a raid on the temple. The robbers were taken by surprise and found in the boy's company.

The boy, as stated, was returned to British territory, whilst the robbers are being detained by the Chinese authorities for trial. It is probable that they will meet with the punishment of death.

It is understood that during the first two months' captivity Tang Fung's people were communicated with by the robbers for ransom. Negotiations were, of course, difficult, because the robbers were constantly moving about, and then, for the following three months, nothing more was heard of the youth and his captives, and Tang Fung was given up as lost. Then, when the robbers and their captive got to the Cheung Kung Temple, they again got into touch with Tang Fung's relatives, but before the latter could act the Chinese authorities got information, and, moving with commendable alacrity in the matter, secured the release of the youth and captured the robbers who had charge of him.

Others At Large

The arrested robbers, however, only represent a small percentage of the gang which carried out the raid at the Tang house in On Lok Chuen village. The number of raiders was placed at 50, and they have probably dispersed since the arrest of their confederates.

DARING BURGLARY

Experts at the Majestic Theatre

A daring burglary in the office of the Majestic Theatre, Nathan Road, Kowloon, was discovered at 9.30 yesterday morning when it was found that the safe had been rifled and \$380, representing the takings for the week-end was stolen from it.

To gain entrance to the office two locks had to be picked, and the safe also had two locks which were neatly forced, which showed that the burglary was the work of skilled lock-pickers. The thieves must also be well acquainted with the interior of the Theatre, because they made a direct entry to the office without disturbing several foks who slept on the premises.

REDS IN GERMANY

Stoning All Motor Cars

Berlin, Yesterday. Communists were very active on the outskirts of the capital, several hundreds in a village outside Potsdam being besieged for an hour in a restaurant where Extreme Nationalists were holding a meeting. They fled when the police appeared.

The Communist members of the Steel Helmet Association clashed at Nauen and several were wounded. Outside Koepenick, near here, scores of Communists, including women, stoned all motor-cars, shouting "Down with the Bourgeoisie." Several motorists were injured.—Reuter.

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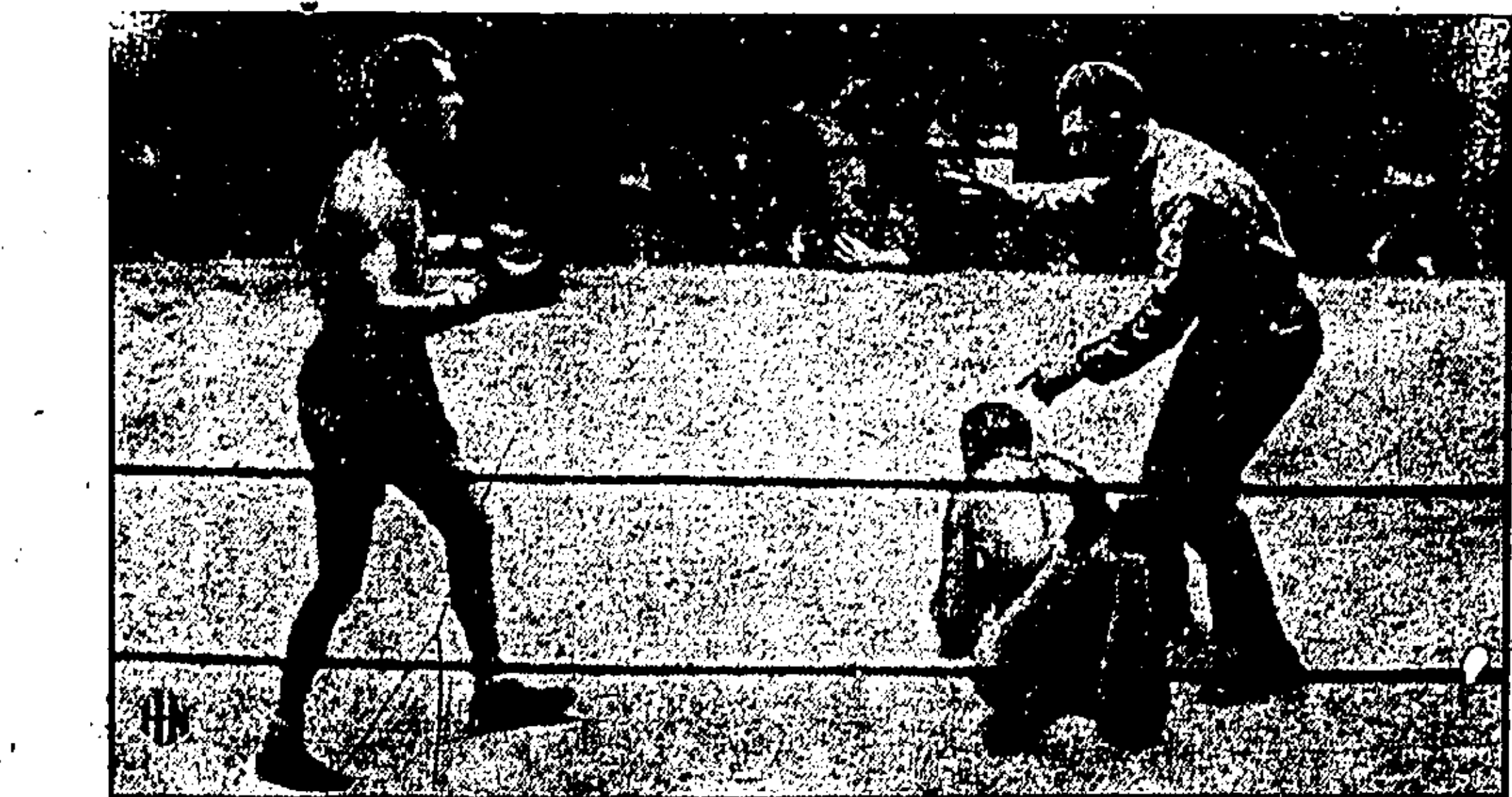
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Otto von Porat.

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Jack Dempsey.

Phil Scott, of England, on canvas after being fouled by Otto von Porat in the second round in Madison Square Garden, New York. Jack Dempsey, who refereed the bout, is sending over the British fighter, prior to declaring him the victor.

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I'M GOING TO PUT A STOP TO YOUR FATHER'S TALK ABOUT MY BROTHER—HELL HAVE TO PROVE IT OR SHUT UP.

HERE HE COMES NOW. I'LL PUT AN END TO THIS TALK.

FOR ONCE AND FOR ALL I WANT YOU TO STOP THINKING THAT MY BROTHER STOLE THOSE BLOOD-HOUNDS.

I HAVE QUIT THINKING THAT HE DID.

E E K!

HE CHARGED TWO DOLLARS WORTH OF DOG MEAT ON OUR BUTCHER BILL YESTERDAY.

World News In Pictures

**Twelve-Year-Old
Mayoress**



The election of Alderman C. F. Wilson, of Essex, makes his twelve-year-old daughter, Margaret, his hostess, and thus entitles her to the title of Lady Mayoress, which will make her the youngest Mayoress in the world.

Germans Celebrate New Year



Members of the Shanghai German community gathered at the German Garden Club to celebrate and welcome the New Year, when a large number of well-known German businessmen of Shanghai and their families and friends attended to make the annual function a most enjoyable one.—(Photo by Ah Fong).

Caveman Home From Wilderness



Burt McConnell, just back from nine weeks of life as a primitive man in the Quebec wilderness. He entered the wilderness 300 miles above Quebec, naked, except for a running suit and without hunting or camping equipment, beyond a small axe and a camera. This is how he appeared when he snapped a picture of himself in the woods of Normandine in the Province of Quebec. At the right, he is being welcomed home by his wife as he returned to their New York home.

Famous Dancer



Attired like an ancient Greek in a white tunic and sandals, Raymond Duncan, world famous dancer, after an absence of twenty years arrived in the United States on the liner Bremen. Duncan's long gray hair was held back by a white band, while his silken tunic, he said, was handwoven.

British Aviation Fan



Miss Mildred Shillington, wealthy British woman who lives at Hartley Witley, near Aldershot, at the wheel of one of her aeroplanes. Since the war she has been an ardent aviation enthusiast and has flown to various parts of the Continent.

Bout with Gene Tunney



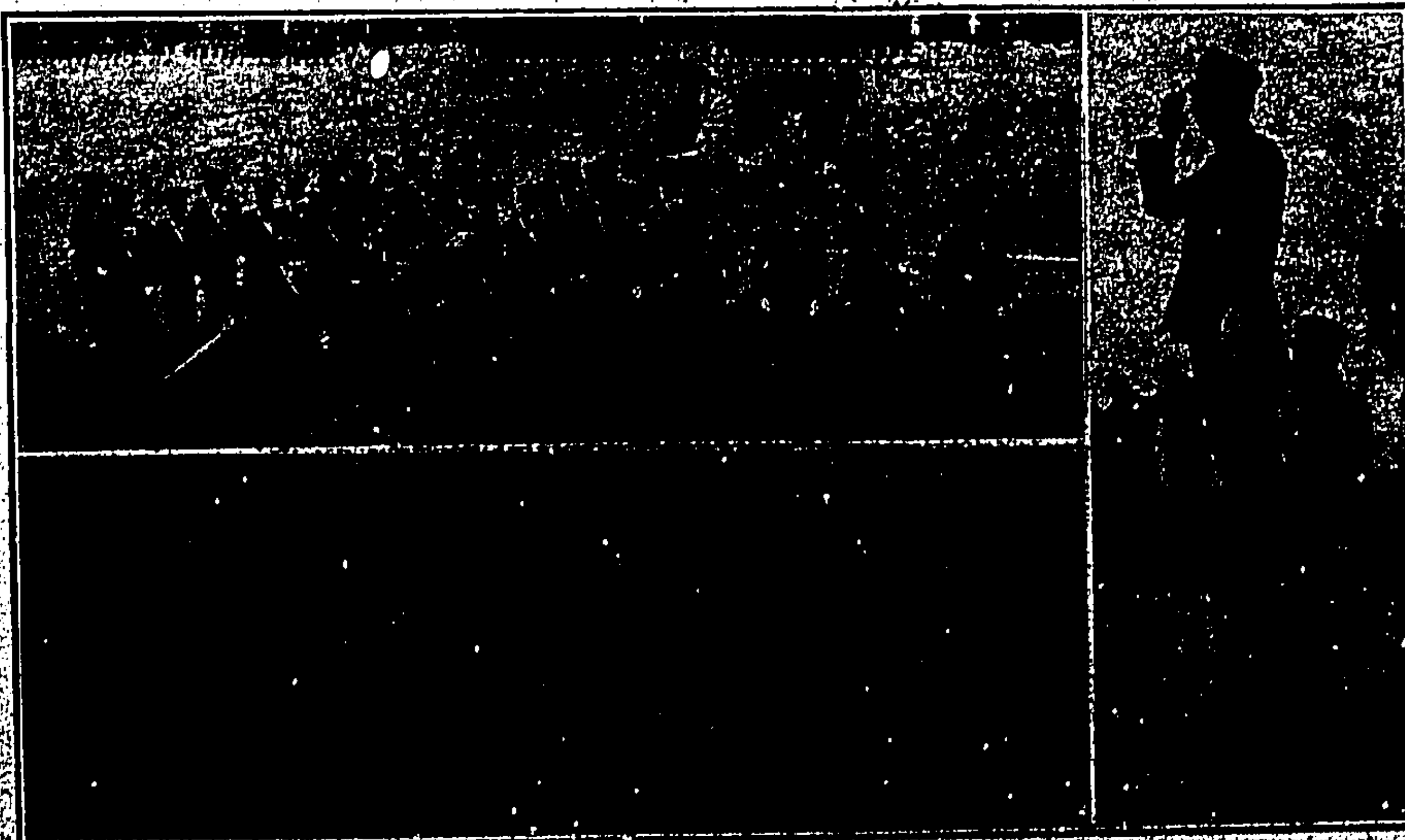
John E. Fogarty, husband of Mrs. Katharine King Fogarty, who has brought a \$100,000 allegation of assault and battery against Gene Tunney, former heavyweight champion of the world.

Spanish Flyers' Forced Landing



The single-motored biplane in which Major Tadeo Larre-Borges (right) of Uruguay and Lieutenant Lon Charles of France attempted a non-stop flight between Seville, Spain, and Montevideo, Uruguay, was forced down in a virtual wilderness a few miles north of the boundary separating the state of Rio Grande North and Parahya. They had gone about 60 miles beyond Natal when they were compelled to make a forced landing. Both aviators were slightly injured. They had covered a distance of 4,000 miles in their flight from Seville.

Japanese Naval Review



A review of the Japanese naval landing force at Shanghai was held at Hongkew Park. The units of the Japanese Defence Force were inspected by Captain Yamashita. Upper left, one of the units giving a salute; lower left, the march past; right, the inspecting officer receiving the salute.—(Photos by T. Nagasawa).

Chosen Lord Mayor



The former Lord Mayor of Altona, Herr Brauer, has been chosen by the City Council of Berlin to succeed Mayor Böss, who recently resigned.

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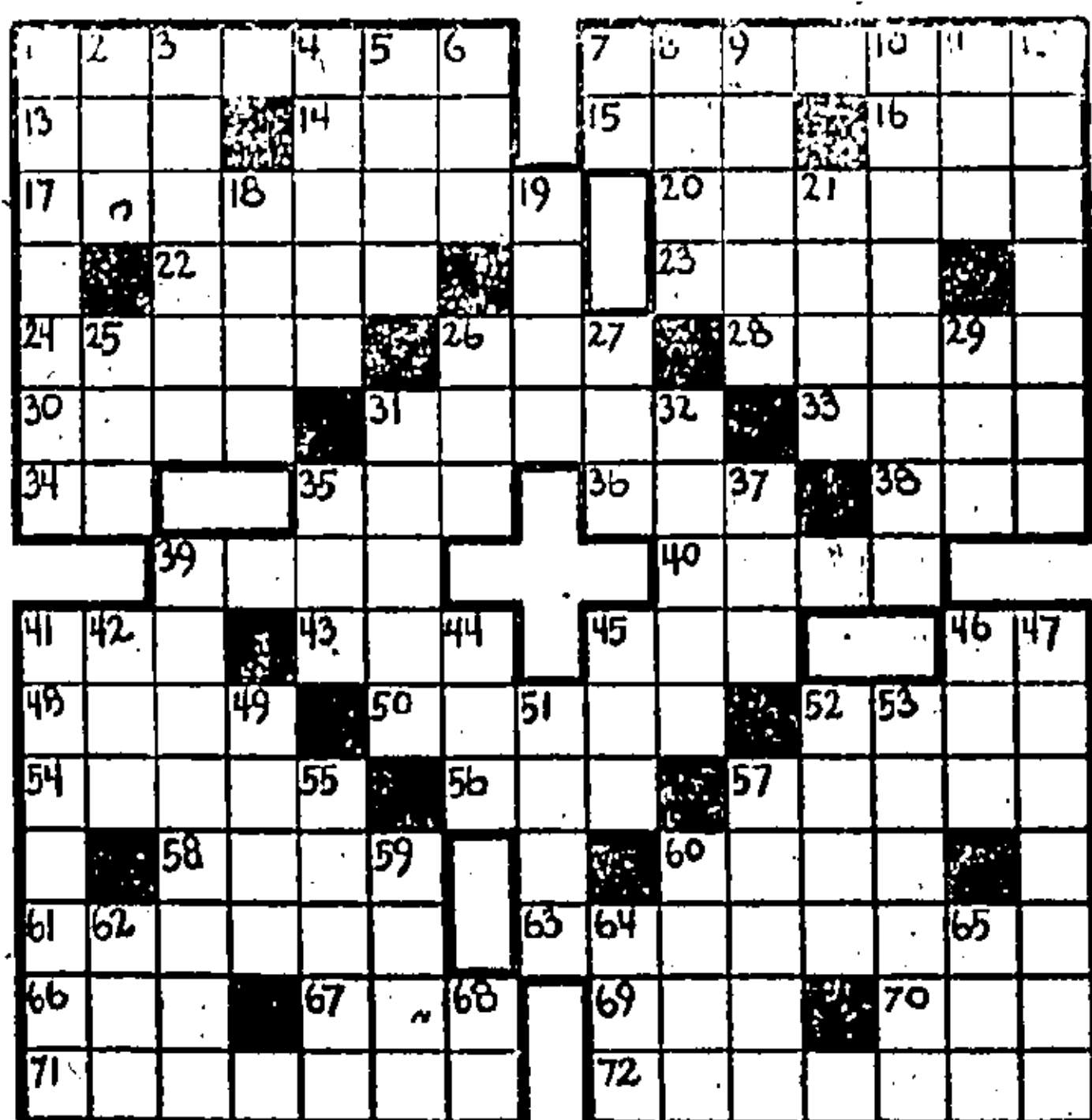


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, place, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Import
- 7-An American
- 13-One (Scott)
- 14-King (French)
- 15-A French coin
- 16-A constellation
- 17-A seaport of the Samoan Islands
- 20-A lever to turn a rudder
- 22-dry
- 23-A medicinal plant
- 24-Pertaining to Illum
- 25-To sing
- 28-Rub out
- 30-S. Can. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 31-A member of a Chinese secret society
- 33-Time period (pl.)
- 34-A maiden loved by Jupiter (Class. Myth.)
- 35-A small barrel
- 36-Destiny
- 38-Interest (abbr.)
- 39-A notable performance
- 40-Scepter
- 41-An Arabian garment
- 42-Span (abbr.)
- 43-On account of
- 44-Southern State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 45-A hand
- 46-A body
- 47-Where (abbr.)
- 48-To encounter

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 50-A river of N. E. Scotland
- 51-A town in Poland
- 52-A king and saint of Norway
- 53-Not so many
- 54-A food fish (Spanish)
- 55-A noted English artist
- 56-Love (Scott)
- 57-A new
- 58-A Swedish coin
- 59-A French sheep
- 60-An ancient country of Italy
- 61-A thin satin
- 62-A capital of Tahiti
- 63-A capital of Scotland
- 64-Beautiful maiden in Spencer's "Faerie Queen"
- 65-A maiden loved by Jupiter
- 66-A small barrel
- 67-Destiny
- 68-Interest (abbr.)
- 69-A notable performance
- 70-Scepter
- 71-An Arabian garment
- 72-Span (abbr.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-A variety of quartz in layers of different colors
- 21-Learning
- 22-The name of many pipes
- 23-Domestic animal
- 24-Lamprey
- 25-A river of Poland
- 26-A plant whose leaves are chewed by Aesthetics
- 27-A revolving part of a machine
- 28-A jackdaw (Scott)
- 29-A coal product
- 30-One who trains falcons
- 31-Kind hearted
- 32-To bar
- 33-To incline the head
- 34-A charge for service
- 35-Salt (Latin)
- 36-A net for catching crabs
- 37-Girl's name
- 38-Girl's name (French)
- 39-An Italian coin
- 40-Out (Scott)
- 41-Ork goddess of the sea
- 42-To be indicted in
- 43-Symbol for Antimony

RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:-
5-7 p.m.—Programme of Columbia Records by Courtesy of Messrs. Anderson.
"Madame Butterfly"—Selection (Puccini, arr. Godfrey).
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra.
"Strauss March" (Mezzacopi).
"Bond of Friendship, March" (J. M. Rogers).
The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.



Modern inventions caused the arrest of C. P. S. Westergaard, former New York bank official. He left New York after having obtained, it is alleged, \$300,000 from the bank through forged transfer orders. His photograph was radioed to Britain and enabled Scotland Yard operatives to identify and arrest him.

"No, No, Nanette"—Vocal Gems (Caesar & Youmans).
Columbia Vocal Gem Chorus.
"Follow Through"—Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co.
"Carmen"—The Tondor Song (Bizet).
"Tannhauser"—O Star of Eve (Wagner).
Harold Williams.
"Cockney Suite".
Albert W. Kettelbey's Concert Orchestra.
"Pagliacci"—Prologue (Leoncavallo).
(In Italian).
Armando Borgioli (Baritone).
"The Bohemian Girl Then You'll Remember Me" (Balfe, arr. Sear).
"Maritana"—Scenes That are Brightest (Wallace, arr. Sear).
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.
"Prelude in C Sharp Minor" (Rachmaninoff, Op. 3, No. 2).
"Humoreske" (Dvorak, Op. 101, No. 7).
Liberal Jewish Synagogue Organ, St. John's Wood, London. Played by G. T. Pattman.

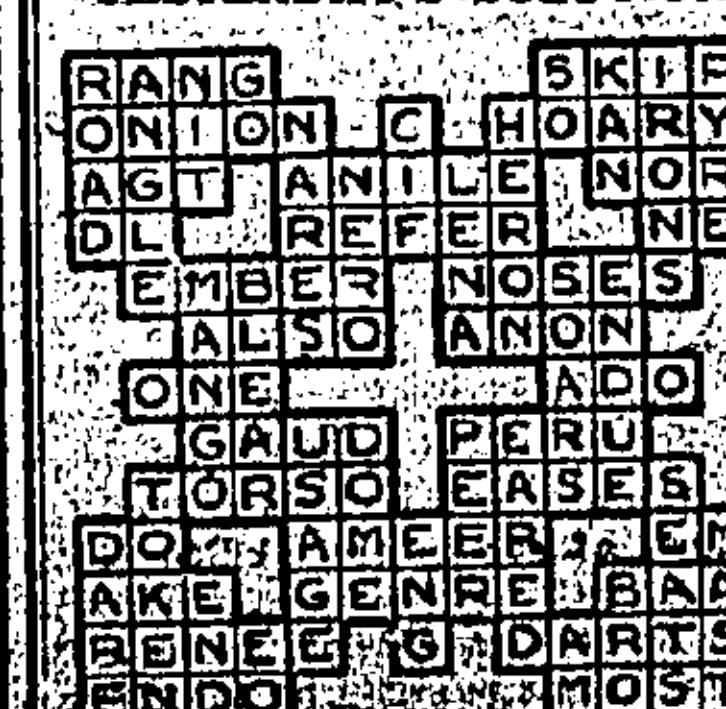
"Marie, My Girl" (J. K. Casey & G. Alken).
"The Ballad Monger from the Song of the Fair" (Rex Palmer, Baritone with Piano).
"Il Trovatore"—Selection (Verdi).
Percy Pitt.
"Mignon"—Selection, New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra.
"Abandonado, Waltz",
"Santiago, Waltz",
Columbia International Orchestra.

7-9 p.m.—Experimental Transmission.
9 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

HUMPERDICK ON THE WIRELESS

THE B.B.C. struck out an original line in broadcasting Humperdick's beautiful opera, "Kingskinder" ("The Children of the King"). Years ago Sir John Martin Harvey appeared in London in this—as a play, of course—and Humperdick wrote incidental music for it, eventually turning it into an opera so difficult that it has rarely been heard. It was given at Covent Garden just before the war, but never since. Apart from the musical obstacles, there are others. A flock of geese form an integral part of the plot, and geese are not good actors, as all who saw those Covent Garden performances will remember. Also, to find a tenor and a prima donna who can sing this superb but elaborate music and at the same time look like a couple of small children who die of starvation in the snow is not easy. In such circumstances, as these broadcasting has its advantages.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



LOOKING BACK Experiments of 28 Years Ago

The Marchese Marconi recently broadcast a speech through 6SW (the short-wave experimental wireless station at Chelmsford). In which he recounted his experiences in receiving at St. John's, Newfoundland, 28 years ago, the historic "S" signal, the first wireless signal to be transmitted across the Atlantic. Speaking of possible developments in the future, the Marchese said:-

"The spanning of great distances is now child's play compared with what it was then. Wireless telephony over world-wide distances is now a reality, together with the transmission of pictures, and the day is approaching when television also will be a commonplace. It may even be that the transmission of power over moderate distances may be developed in the not far distant future.

"I must leave to your imaginations the uses which can be made of these new powers. They will probably be as wonderful as anything of which we have experienced so far."

In a Gale
Dealing with the adventure of twenty-eight years ago, he said that it was on November 26, 1901, that he sailed from Liverpool to carry out experiments in Newfoundland with a receiving aerial supported by a balloon or a kite. They landed at St. John's on December 6, and the experiment took place on December 12 in a gale.

"Up till then," he said, "I had nearly always used a receiving arrangement, including a coherer, which recorded automatically signals through a relay, and a Morse instrument. I decided in this instance to use also a telephone connected to a self-restoring coherer—the human ear being far more

A PROBLEM Smelling by Ear and Tasting by Eye

"A radio listener in Paris recently presented French radio engineers with a puzzling problem. When he listened to the church service broadcast from the Cathedral of Notre Dame, this listener said, he also smelled the smoke of the candles in the church. Was it possible, he asked, that small sensations might be picked up accidentally by the microphone?

"Radio engineers thought not, but were undecided about the real explanation (says a writer in the American Weekly). Certainly nothing of the character of a smell can possibly be sent out, everybody agreed, over radio waves. "Fortunately for the candle-smelling Parisian, psychologists came to his rescue. He was the victim of a curious mental abnormality called 'synesthesia' or the mixing of sensations. These instances are most likely to occur in people above the average in mental powers, education, and culture.

"In the records of laboratories of psychology are accounts of individuals whose taste sensations got mixed with sounds or with sensations of colour; of individuals whose smell sensations called up scenes; of still other persons whom sounds made to feel pain or whom pain made to hear imaginary sounds. Apparently nearly every possible mixture of one sense with the other has been detected in at least one abnormal individual."

sensitive than the recorder. "Suddenly, at about half-past twelve, a succession of three faint clicks on the telephone, corresponding to the three dots of the letter 's' sounded several times in my ear—beyond the possibility of a doubt. I then knew that I had been justified in my anticipations."



These two radio men, Robert Eustice (left) and C. G. Forbes, operators on the S. S. Fort Victoria, drew much praise for their coolness and constancy of service at their keys when their craft was rammed by the S. S. Algonquin during a dense fog in the lower New York Bay. Several investigations as to the cause of the crash have been started. The Fort Victoria sank in about sixty feet of water.

TRAFFIC CASES Kowloon Motorists Fined

Traffic Court was held yesterday by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Mr. B. Assumpcao was fined \$4 for causing an obstruction at Kowloon Point by leaving his car outside the East entrance to the Kowloon Godowns.

A summons issued against Mr. A. A. Botelho, whose address was given as No. 45, Granville Road, was not served and the case was set aside for a week.

Mr. Botelho was alleged to have driven a motor car at a dangerous speed.

A Chinese was fined \$20 for negligent driving and \$5 for failing to produce his licence when demanded by a Police Officer. Defendant was said to have driven through a procession of school children in Nathan Road, causing them to scatter.

The Nottinghamshire Yeomanry (Sherwood Rangers) are the winners of The Daily Telegraph Cup awarded to the Territorial unit recording the best attendance at the annual camp.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.		
Europe via Suez (Letters & papers, London, Jan. 2 and parcels, Dec. 26, 1929)	Macedonia	
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Straits	Van Heutz	10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Takliwa	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Andre Lebon	1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	5 p.m.
Japan	Namsang	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Namsang	
Registration		Jan. 29, 5 p.m.
Letters		Jan. 29, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.		
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Nellore	
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	Letters	Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.
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Parcels		Jan. 31, 9 a.m.
Registration		Feb. 1, 9 a.m.
Letters		Feb. 1, 10.30 a.m.

*Superscripted correspondence only.

SEARCH FOR BYRD EXPEDITION

HOPE THAT ICE WILL BREAK UP IN FEBRUARY
NOT SEEN FOR A MONTH

Oslo, Yesterday.
Whalers anticipate that the ice will break up and release Commander Byrd in February. The Manager of the Norwegian whaler Kosmos requested Byrd to search the waters around Ballen Island for the Norwegians Lier and Schreiner (the latter, the ship's doctor). He left the Kosmos in a Moth aeroplane on December 27 and has not been seen since. Byrd promised to do his utmost.—Reuter.

[The State Department telegraphed to the British and Norwegian Governments asking them to use their good offices so that ships in the Antarctic may go to relieve the Byrd expedition.

Four Norwegian and one British vessels, which are all believed capable of penetrating the ice pack, are at present in the neighbourhood of the Byrd expedition.]

Earlier News

Seattle, Yesterday.
It is feared that Lieut. Eielson and his mechanic were killed when his machine crashed. Those who found the machine say that the cabin was burst open, the wreckage scattered, and the engine torn from its mounting. A relief party has started from North Cape and a dog team has left Kanuk to search for the bodies.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW BANK TRUST

To Guide the Granting of Loans

Rugby, Yesterday.
Professor Henry Clay, Professor of Political Economy at Manchester University, has accepted an appointment from the Bank of England to organise and direct research in Securities Manchester Trust Limited, a subsidiary formed by the Bank to conduct its new policy of active financial assistance in industrial organisation. This Trust will be an instrument by which City interests will be guided in granting the financial facilities announced recently by Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister for Employment.—British Wireless.

BRITONS IN CHINA

TORIES INCENSED AT OUTRAGES

WUCHOW CASE
EXTRALITY CODE VIOLATED?

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons today, replying to Sir Kingsley Wood and Captain Anthony Eden, (Conservative, Warwick) in regard to extrality in China, Mr. Arthur Henderson expressed deep sympathy with Sir Miles Lampson at his bereavement.

The Foreign Secretary said that he had received no report of the alleged incident at Wuchow, mentioned by Sir Kingsley Wood, namely, of the Chinese authorities refusing to hand over to the British Naval authorities two British subjects, the pilot and coxswain of a Hong Kong launch, on the plea that extraterritorial privileges had been abolished.

Sir Kingsley Wood drew attention to "a serious incident" in connection with Commander McBride. Mr. Henderson promised to enquire into the matter and see what could be done.

Replying to Capt. Eden, Mr. Henderson said that the Government had been corresponding with other Powers in regard to extrality.

Replying to Mr. Wardlaw Milne, (Un. Kidderminster), Mr. Henderson said that he would not go so far as to say that the action of the Chinese Government was quite wrong.

The White Paper on the China Indemnity Fund for the year ended March 31, 1929, shows a balance of £2,553,000 after deducting £328 for the expenses of Secretary of State and £500 advances to certain Chinese Government students, who are unable to pursue University training in Britain, owing to the cessation of remittances from China.

The White Paper adds that further similar payments will appear in the account for the current year.

Difficult Position
Arising out of a question regarding extrality in China, Mr. Woodward Milne suggested that while negotiations are proceeding the position of British subjects in China was difficult, perhaps dangerous. Mr. Henderson said that he was well aware of the unsettled conditions of things in China. They were dealing with the situation in the best possible manner and had at heart the interests of Britons in China.—Reuter.

The Unequal Treaties

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib., Wolverhampton) suggested that discussions with China on the so-called

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

CONVICTS & BANDITS FORCED TO FIGHT

BUT PREFER TO DESERT AND LOOT THE CITIES

TERRORISM IN HOIHOW

Canton, Yesterday.
Writing from Hoihow on January 20, a correspondent described the conditions of the port prior to its capture by Admiral Chan Chak.

A few days before this happened, there was some looting. The insurgents levied a 10 per cent. tax on the capital registered by the shops, and, although pressure was exercised upon the merchants, the sum they managed to extract from them was only about \$10,000, much to the disappointment of the rebels.

When Admiral Chan Chak's marines were approaching the port, about 15 miles away, the rebels commandeered all the motor cars to rush troops to the front line.

Convicts Freed

On the morning of Jan. 20 the convicts of the Kiang Shan-hien prison were let loose to join in the fighting. They were sent off to the front in their prison garb.

Coolies and looters were impressed and sent off by the soldiers. Besides the civilian recruits, two battalions of bandits were enlisted. It is said that the bandits were more keen in looting than fighting, because as soon as the regular soldiers began to retire before the marines, the bandits were the first to scurry back to the city to loot. When the rebels returned to the city, they caught many of the bandits red-handed and shot them to death.

Rebels Routed

In the morning, between 2-5 a.m., the insurgents were defeated at the place called Ching Ma. Over 300 soldiers were killed and a number taken prisoners. The defeated soldiers retreated towards the port, leaving in the battlefield 20 damaged buses and retired to the Shou Ying Fort, their last line of defence.

Two companies of regular soldiers who had mutinied on December 7, surrendered to the Canton Commander but, after being disarmed, were taken out and shot.

The entire city was in a panic on Jan. 20 and the shops were all closed. The merchants were again forced to pay for military expenses at the point of the gun by squads of rebel soldiers going through all the principal shops. Those who could not pay would be forced to pay double the amount the following day.

The entire population were praying for the entry of Admiral Chan Chak and his marines to save them from all the depredations and extortions of the rebels, who were making hay, seeing that their power to control the city was only a question of hours.—Canton News Agency.

EMERSON'S SON

Last Link With Great Essayist Broken

Concord, Massachusetts, Yesterday.

The death has occurred, at the age of 86, of Dr. Edward Waldo Emerson, a son of the famous essayist and poet. He was the author of several books on his father and Henry Thoreau, and edited many of the works of Emerson.—Reuter's American Service.

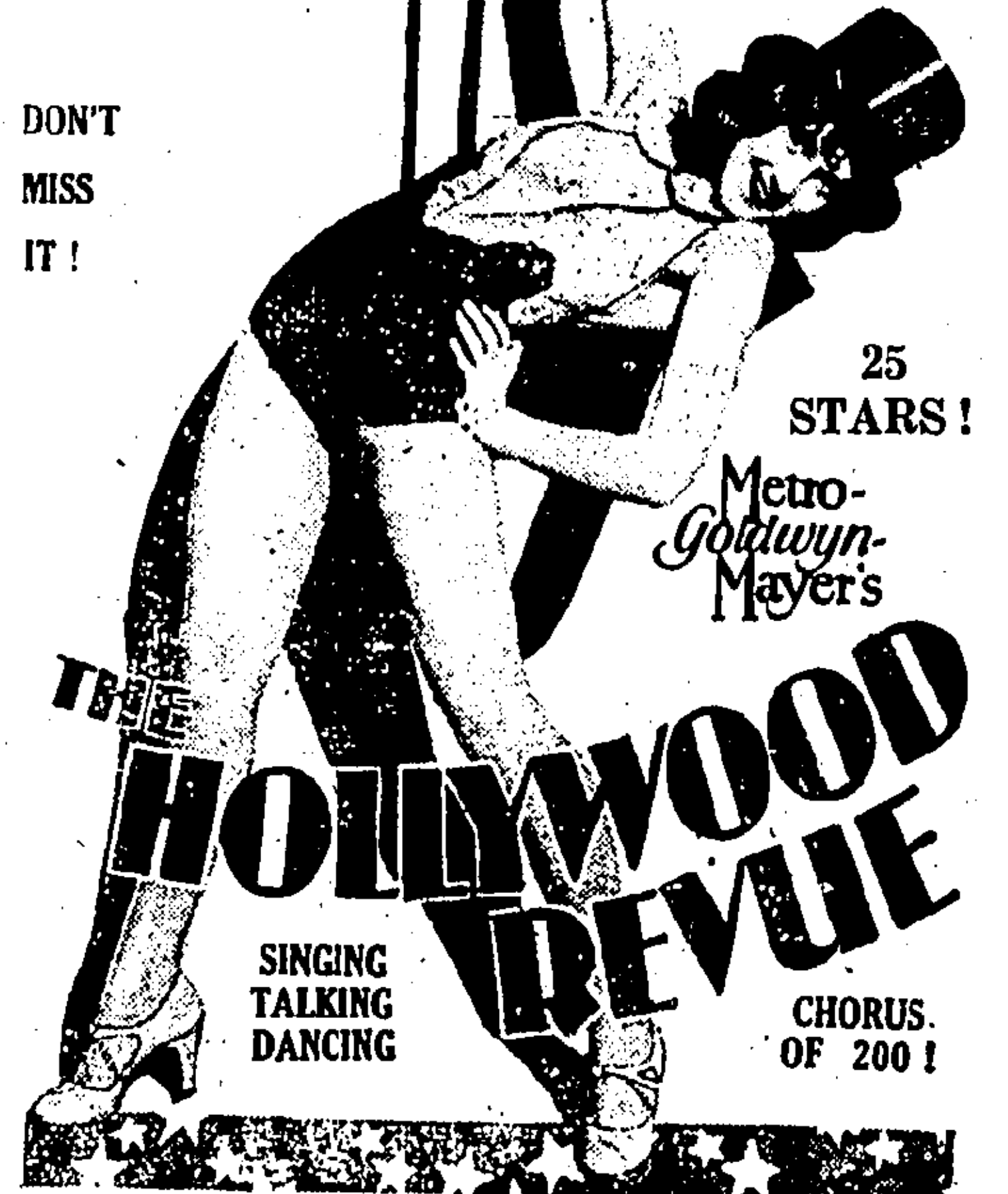
unequal treaties might be conveniently dealt with by using the powers of article 19 of the League Covenant. Mr. Henderson replied that the Government had already initiated discussions with the Chinese Government "for the modification and progressive abandonment" of British extraterritorial rights in China. He at present saw no advantage in the procedure suggested.—Reuter.

[A Hankow cable published in the China Mail on Saturday stated:—The first extrality test case was held here, to-day when Paymaster Commander McBride, of the Naval Office, last night whilst driving a car, ran over a Chinese boy, aged 10, riding a cycle, and killed him. Comdr. McBride was arrested by the police and taken to the City. Later he was released by the Mayor, Mr. Liu, after Consular representations had been made.]

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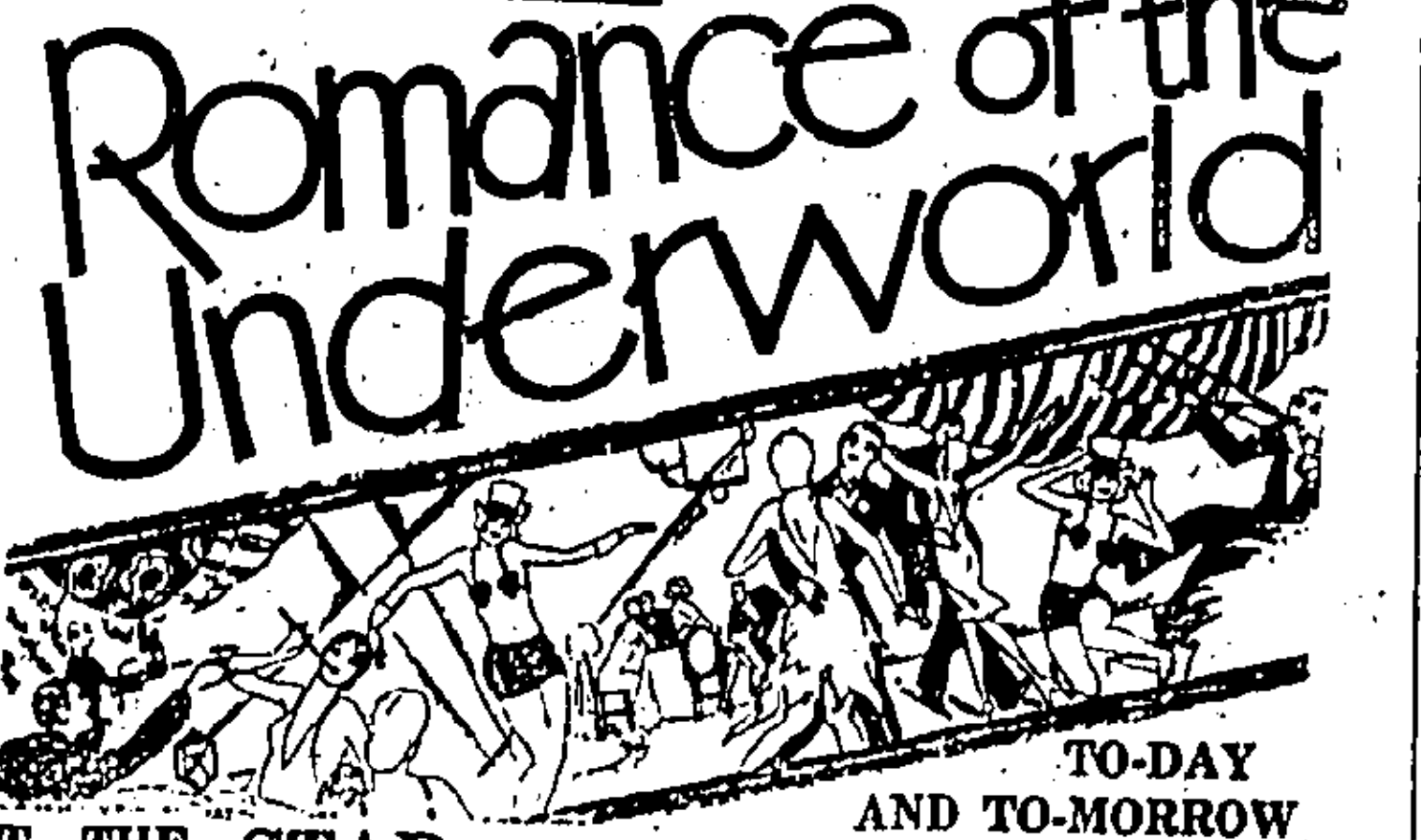


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